



Clocks. Clocks.

for your home, your hall, parlor, bedroom, or your kitchen. Clocks for your office or your store. We are showing the largest variety of clocks in Western Canada. We have not space enough in our store to accommodate this large army of clocks, hence we have fitted up a room on our second floor especially for clocks. Ask to see it; we are always pleased to show our goods.

Why have we bought in such large quantities? Because we thereby obtain such large reductions in price and we can offer you, for example, a pretty black enameled iron (8-day) clock, guaranteed a good time keeper, for \$7.75.

Challoner & Mitchell.

TRY

PERINET & FILS, Champagne

Sec. and Ex. Sec.

Hudson's Bay Co.,
Agents for B. C.

We Wish Our Customers and Friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year

May the one we are just entering be as prosperous as the past. We will endeavor to make it so for all those trusting us with their patronage.

Dixie H. Ross & Co., Cash Grocers

MIRRORS SUITABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Call and see our stock. Good variety of frames. All at reduced prices.

J. W. MELLOR & CO., LIMITED, 78 FORT STREET.

PHONE 400.

VANCOUVER NOTES.
Thomas Blackstone died at the hospital on Monday night after a lingering illness. Mr. Blackstone was 45 years of age, and was formerly a partner of Mr. Burton's in the Douglas house.

There have been 1,840 cases to date in the police court for the year 1902, and for the month 190 to date. Thus the month and the year beat all previous records.

Another attempt is being made to combine the retail grocers of Vancouver. About 125 representatives of the trades and labor council and other workingmen of the city met in the Labor hall on Monday evening to hear the reports of the ward committees appointed to bring out candidates for municipal honors. Ward 1 committee had no report to make. Ward 2 reported nominating John Simson for alderman, H. McKee for license commissioner and W. McKee for school trustee. Wards 3, 4 and 5 made no report. Nominations for aldermen were then proceeded with, and resulted in the following gentlemen being endorsed, provided that they agree to and sign the platform of the trades and labor party: Ward 1, Francis Williams; Ward 2, John Simson; Ward 3, A. D. Wilson and R. L. Pollock; Ward 4, John Crow and Robert Macpherson; Ward 5, A. D. Wood and J. Morton. For school trustees, Messrs. George, Tossell and Mitchell. For the licensing board, the names of H. McKee, S. Gohard, L. D. Taylor and M. Little were mentioned, but on the suggestion of Geo. Bartley no nominations were made.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Young Liberals' Association was held on Monday night. The first business was the consideration of the constitution, which was read clause by clause.

POTATOES.

75 cents per 100 lbs.
(Burbank Seedlings.)
SILVSTER FEND CO.,
City Market.

and finally adopted. The organization will be known as the "Young Liberal Association of Vancouver." Liberals under the age of 40 are eligible for membership. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Senator Templeman; president, A. M. Pound; first vice-president, W. D. Ross; second vice-president, J. N. Ellis; secretary, A. R. Creagh; treasurer, L. A. Roberts. Before separating a motion was carried, unanimously pledging the members to support the candidature of R. G. Macpherson in the approaching election.

An important industry has been established at Howe Sound by a new company incorporated under the name of the Canada Lumber & Trading Company. The principles in the new enterprise are J. Garner Hutchinson and C. R. Drew. Fifty thousand dollars has been invested in machinery and plant. A sawmill with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day has just been completed, and a chute seven miles long is under construction. The timber is being cut seven miles distant from the sawmill and run down the chute as far as the latter is completed each day, and piled at the end of the chute for future handling.

The British schooner Grace, Capt. Strong, from Oporto, reached St. Johns, Nfld., on Tuesday, with one man dead from chickenpox. Another man is dying and a third is ill of the disease. The schooner has been quarantined.

CUSTOMS REVENUE OF THE DOMINION

MORE EVIDENCE OF COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

An Increase of Over \$2,000,000 Compared With the Same Time Last Year.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canada's custom revenue for the six months ending to-day was over \$18,000,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000, compared with the same time last year. The revenue for the past six months was greater than it was for the whole year of 1895, notwithstanding that taxation is now lower. This is evidence of the great prosperity of the country.

From the Yukon.
Fred. Congden, of the Yukon, is here to-day on business with the interior department.

Will Bring Action.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Notice has been served on the Grand Trunk railway by Robbette & Godfrey, that they intend suing the company for \$20,000 damages in behalf of Mrs. Amy Florence Morton, widow of William Morton, one of the victims of the Wainstead disaster.

New Editor in Charge.
Rev. C. J. Bond, the new editor of the Christian Guardian, the organ of the Methodist church of Canada, assumed charge yesterday. With the new year the paper will come out in another form, the pages being half the present size and thirty-two instead of sixteen in number.

Fire Victim.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—A body, supposed to be that of Clara Jackson, one of the victims of the recent Hotel Victoria fire, was discovered this morning by men who were clearing away the debris. The body is imbedded in debris, which encases it as if it were in cement plaster.

M. P. III.
Napanee, Ont., Dec. 31.—Uriah Wilson, M. P., Lennox, Conservative, is in a serious condition, suffering from catarrh of the stomach. His friends are alarmed.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 31st are: Clearings, \$4,481,040; balance, \$604,423. For the corresponding week in 1901 the figures were: Clearings, \$4,313,885; balance, \$708,004. For the same period in 1900, clearings, \$1,889,236; balance, \$229,176.

THE KIRCHEIMER CASE.

Chinese Tailors Swore They Bought Goods From the Accused—Other Witnesses Examined.

To the habitues of the police court the proceedings now in progress in connection with the Kirchheimer hearing appear to possess all the elements of a "cause celebre," to use a Dreyfusard term. Sensational cases in this branch of the machinery of justice are infrequent, and even when they are before the court they lack many of the characteristics which stamp the present affair as peculiarly noteworthy. In the first place probably never before has there been such an array of alleged booty on exhibition in the police court. In the second place several different charges have arisen out of one discovery resulting in the arrest of two people—one charged with stealing and supplying the goods, and the other with receiving and knowing them to have been stolen. It is hardly likely that the present case will be very long drawn, in fact from what was said yesterday there is every reason to believe that it will be finished to-day. Following this the other charge will be heard, and if it lasts no longer than the present hearing the police court will be rid of the whole matter before the end of the week.

This morning when the hearing was resumed Messrs. Heaney and Lindsay, drivers for Joe Heaney, gave evidence of having conveyed goods from Turner, Beeton & Co.'s establishment to Kirchheimer's. A couple of Chinese tailors swore that they purchased goods from the accused. In fact one of the witnesses whose commercial cognomen is Fook Sing, said he had bought a piece of goods which has been identified as the piece missing from the two bales seized on Monday week. The other witness stated that he had purchased two pieces of silks from Kirchheimer on Monday week about 1 o'clock for \$25. He had used about three yards of it. He identified the goods produced as those purchased by him.

William Lorimer, another witness, said he remembered Kirchheimer coming to the store quite frequently, having in his possession odd lots of goods bought by him. He had never received any goods of the class on exhibition in court in the past three months. If the accused had procured any he did it out of the regular order of business. He never sold any goods to Kirchheimer.

Mr. Lorimer was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Powell, during the course of which he repeated that he had never sold anything to the accused. On one occasion Mr. Kirchheimer brought to the store a

Mr. Blanck, who had purchased a couple of rugs. These items were entered in his book, the money going into the treasury as cash. His brother never came to him for change for Kirchheimer nor did his brother ever have any transaction with Kirchheimer in his presence. He remembered the accused purchasing a job lot of shawls in October. These were paid for at the office. Witness made out the invoice, which was sent to the office. He went over to Kirchheimer's house on the evening of Monday, the 22nd, to see if he couldn't straighten the trouble. He showed Kirchheimer a list of the goods short, which was given him by either Mr. Belyea or Mr. Thompson, but he wasn't authorized by anybody to try and adjust the matter. He showed Kirchheimer the list, and told him that if he would pay \$785, which was the estimated amount of the shortage, he thought the trouble could be settled. Kirchheimer refused to do anything to do with the affair, and said that he purchased the goods in the regular way.

Mr. Lorimer also said that he offered to make good the amount to the firm, but the latter couldn't see their way clear to accept it. Kirchheimer came to Turner, Beeton & Co.'s quite frequently (two or three times a week), and invariably inquired for witness's brother. He had never seen the accused go out of the establishment with parcels in his arms. Mr. Thompson was recalled and examined briefly, after which an adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

ANNUAL FESTIVITIES.

Sunday School Entertainments Were Held in Number of Churches Last Evening.

The Sunday school children of a number of the city churches had their usual Christmas treat last night. Entertainments were held in connection with the Metropolitan Methodist, Emmanuel Baptist, Knox Presbyterian, Spring Ridge Methodist, St. Barnabas and St. James' Presbyterian churches. The usual Christmas festivities were held at the Protestant Orphan's Home yesterday afternoon.

There was a large attendance at the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school. The programme, although lengthy, was so arranged as to keep the interest of the children as well as the parents from the start. It consisted of a series of musical selections, dialogues, recitations, etc. The feature of the evening was undoubtedly the Christmas tree, and it took some time to distribute the many presents with which it was laden. This evening, from 7.30 to 10.45, the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church will hold their annual reception.

The schoolroom of the Spring Ridge Methodist church was prettily decorated for the occasion. After the rendition of an excellent programme a large Christmas tree laden with gifts was stripped, and the present distributed amongst the scholars. The gathering closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

At Knox Presbyterian Sunday school tea was served from 5 o'clock until after 7. The programme was both lengthy and varied, and included musical selections, vocal and instrumental. Candies and other dainties were distributed to the scholars.

The annual Christmas treat and entertainment of St. Barnabas Sunday school was held in the Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road. Tea was served at 5 o'clock, and from then until the beginning of the programme the little ones enjoyed themselves with games of all kinds. Mr. Palmer, the superintendent, showed several comic magic lantern slides. The programme was well rendered, several of the numbers being heartily endorsed. At the conclusion of the programme the curtains were pulled open and a tree laden with presents met the gaze of the children, and Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed presents. The happy gathering broke up about 9.30 o'clock, after singing the National Anthem.

Santa Claus attended the Sunday school of the Emmanuel Baptist church last night and distributed candies, etc. Much praise is due to Miss C. Anderson and all the teachers for the excellent programme that was rendered.

Yesterday afternoon at the Protestant Orphan's Home the usual Christmas festivities were held. Mayor Hayward, the president of the Home, presided, and the proceedings were participated in by the Right Revs. Bishops Cridge and Ferrin. E. Crow-Baker distributed gifts from a large tree. The following programme was given: Chorus by the children, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; recitation by Agnes McKittrick, "Bells Across the Snow"; recitation by Ethel Belyea, "Mr. Nobody"; a chorus by three little girls, "God Sees the Little Sparrows Fall"; recitation by George Baines, "The Boyless Town"; a solo by Ernest Spence; chorus by the children, "Happy Band of Pilgrims" (by request); sung by all, "God Save the King."

The Christmas celebrations in connection with the Methodist Japanese mission was held on Monday evening at their rooms, Broughton street. A very creditable programme was rendered by the members of the mission. Mrs. Snyder presided at the organ, and Rev. Mr. Raburgh, of Vancouver, superintendent of Japanese missions for British Columbia, occupied the chair. There was also a Christmas tree.

Attorney-General Hamlin, of Illinois, is investigating at Chicago the coal situation, prompted by the report that thousands of carloads of soft coal are being held out of the market as the result of a conspiracy to raise the prices.

THE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE

NEW REGULATIONS FOR 'FRISCO STEAMERS

Funnels to Be Placed on Hawser Lines to Prevent Introduction of Disease.

With the arrival of the steamship Umatilla from San Francisco on Sunday next a new quarantine regulation will go into effect. In view of the alarming conditions of health in the Bay City, Dr. A. T. Watt, superintendent of British Columbia quarantines, has communicated further precautions be taken to guard against the introduction into this province of infectious diseases. In a general notice which has just been issued to all collectors and masters of vessels, he says:

Information, believed to be well founded, has reached the public health department to the effect that bubonic plague in San Francisco is assuming a more serious aspect, and that cases of the pneumonic, as well as several cases of the bubonic type of the disease have recently occurred. Moreover, it is stated that the bacillus of the disease has been found in rats that have died recently within that city.

These developments in the history of the disease in San Francisco greatly increase the danger of its introduction on board vessels. I have been directed, therefore, to communicate with the owners or agents of the various steamers plying between San Francisco and Canadian ports, earnestly recommending the use at San Francisco of funnels upon their mooring lines and the withdrawal at night of all gang plants, except one guarded one, so as to prevent coming on board of rats at the port of departure.

The department expects that similar precautions taken at ports of arrival in British Columbia, so as to prevent the landing of any rats from vessels at these ports, and instructions are hereby given that masters of vessels order the carrying out of these precautions, and customs officers are hereby enjoined to see that the same are properly carried out while vessels from San Francisco remain alongside any wharf whereon they are on duty.

RECORD RUNS CONTRASTED.

The Kobe Chronicle says, apropos of the fast run of the San Francisco liner Korea, across the Pacific, that "from the statistics given below of the comparative day's runs of the Empress of Japan and the Korea, it will be seen that although it is correct to say that the Korea holds the record for the run between Yokohama and San Francisco, the blue ribbon of the Pacific is apparently still held by the Empress of Japan. According to the following statistics, showing ten days' westward run, the Korea and ten days' westward run of the Empress of Japan, there seems no doubt that the C. P. R. steamer is entitled to the honor. The Empress boat made the runs recorded in 1897, when she had been eight years in service. In that year she left Vancouver on the 20th of June and arrived in Yokohama on July 7th, at 1.35 p. m. The figures for the Korea are those of her maiden run to San Francisco from Yokohama. For comparison's sake we place them together as follows:

Days. Empress Japan. Korea.

1st 396 397

2nd 415 419

3rd 414 424

4th 421 422

5th 441 414

6th 438 419

7th 422 422

8th 429 415

9th 415 415

10th 415 392

Total 4,213 4,190

STEAMER DISAPPEARS.

There were a smaller number of arrivals on the Queen City when she reached Victoria last night than usually come from the coast on that steamer. A fact probably due to the holidays. The steamer brings news that the prospector, named Ferguson, who was reported missing, has arrived at Kuyooqut from Quinsno after a stormy passage in his boat. At Fort San Juan anxiety was felt over the disappearance of the little steamer Vladimir, which had been moored in the harbor, and had mysteriously vanished during a heavy south-wester last Monday. The vessel had no one on board, and therefore must have been carried out to sea, probably filling and sinking afterwards. The little vessel had been used during the season just past for the towing of logs in the district, having been brought from Alberni for the purpose. The tug, it is estimated, was worth probably a thousand dollars.

The Queen City will sail for the West Coast to-morrow evening.

SUPERSTITIOUS TALE.

A superstitious story regarding the sailing of the steamer Umatilla is now going the rounds in the Sound papers. One year ago on the morning of January 2nd the steamship Walla Walla was run down and sunk by the French barque Max and a number of lives were lost. On that fateful trip the Walla Walla was on her arrival on the Sound to be laid up for awhile to have new boilers put in and the steamship Senator was to take her place. The Umatilla on her arrival on the Sound was to be laid up to have new boilers put in and the Senator is to take her run. The boilers to be put into the Umatilla are the same boilers that were to be placed in the Walla Walla, had she arrived safely. The fact that the French barque Max is due at San Francisco on or about January 2nd, the day on

which the Umatilla is to sail is the cause of the superstitious story associated with the steamer.

STORMY VOYAGES.

Passengers who arrived on the steamer Iyo Maru yesterday tell of stormy passages which a number of the outbound fleet experienced in reaching Japan. In the same bad weather which the Empress of Japan encountered on her last trip across when she carried the Crown Prince of Siam as a passenger, the United States warship Oregon had a narrow escape from foundering. She was bound from San Francisco to Yokohama, and arrived on the 13th with all her boats missing. They were smashed on the voyage, and nothing left on deck that was movable. One man was lost on the passage, and for a time it was feared that the big warship would never reach port. The Shinano Maru, from this port, also had a trying experience, while the Gaelic reported on arrival that she paked through 17 distinct storms.

SHIPMASTER'S DEATH.

Captain Stephen P. Raymond died in Port Angeles last Wednesday and was buried on Saturday under the auspices of the Masonic order. Capt. Raymond was born at Eastport, Me., in 1839, was raised in Nova Scotia, and went to sea at the early age of thirteen years. During his early manhood he sailed on various vessels out of Maine and Massachusetts ports. In 1850 he was mate of a vessel that was wrecked in the Caribbean sea while carrying rails for the Panama Pacific railroad. In the late sixties and early seventies Captain Raymond engaged in shipbuilding in Nova Scotia. He moved to San Francisco in 1885 and thence to Tacoma, from which place he came to Angeles, Captain Raymond made several voyages to the Arctic. He held a British shipmaster's certificate dated in 1857. Deceased leaves a large family.

RIJOUN'S CARGO.

American products to the value of \$600,000, chiefly from the states of Texas and Washington, constituted the cargo of the Rijn Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which sailed for the Orient yesterday. The Rijn's freight is consigned to sixteen principal ports of Japan, China, Siberia, Korea, and India, as follows: Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, Hongkong, Osaka, Port Arthur, Tientsin, Kinkiang, Moho, Colombo, Tokyo, Hankow, Chemulpo, Manila, Moji and Singapore. Her principal articles of shipment were: Machinery, firearms, castings, photographic supplies, manila board, rubber, dunnage, leather, cotton, wool, sheeting, dental appliances, tin, furniture, stationery, pianos, lead and silver.

MEETING ON SATURDAY.

The second annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Company was held yesterday afternoon when the officers and old board of directors were re-elected. Accounts for the year were presented, but a statement of the prices obtained at the sales recently held in London was not submitted. This will be presented at another meeting to be held on Saturday evening, when the arrangements for the coming year will be considered. These were not even discussed at yesterday's meeting.

MARINE NOTES.

J. S. Vanburton, formerly agent of the Oriental & Occidental Steamship Company, at Hongkong, is to manage a new steamship line which is to consist of a monthly service between Hongkong and Mexico, via Honolulu and San Francisco.

Tacoma is to have a new steamer line making direct connections with Everett and Whiteport. The steamer which will be put on this run will be the Selma.

LECTURE AND TEA.

Enjoyable Sunday School Entertainment at Strawberry Vale Last Night.

A very pleasant and interesting time was spent in the Methodist church, Strawberry Vale, last evening. The ladies of the congregation served tea from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which an interesting programme was rendered by the Sabbath school. Mrs. Etheridge deserves great credit for training the children. The following programme was given:

Opening selection, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"; prayer by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Wright; chorus, "Crown the Son of David"; solo, Miss Cassie Case; address, Noah Shakespeare; duet, Willie Jones and Regie Etheridge; chorus, by the school; solo, Miss Maud West; chorus, Mrs. Jones's class; solo, Mabel Jones.

Postmaster Shakespeare complimented them on the singing and the successful work of the Sabbath school, and by way of encouraging the young people generally offered to give each scholar a New Year's gift. After the programme Herbert Cuthbert gave his interesting and instructive lecture, "The Canadian Wonderland," the audience thoroughly enjoying the pictures and the description of the various places of interest in British Columbia. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cuthbert, and a large audience will welcome him whenever he can repeat his lecture in the vicinity.

At a meeting called under the auspices of the American Free Trade League at Buffalo, resolutions, of which a copy will be sent to each member of the United States Senate, were adopted, calling for a repeal of duties on coal and beef, in that these duties, by assisting the exportations of monopoly or impeding the free trade from them, have proved a serious handicap to the United States people.

THE MINES OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

THE YEAR'S OUTPUT AT VARIOUS CAMPS

Total Tonnage of Coal Mined in Province During the Last Twelve Months.

During the past year, while there has been a very large amount of work done in connection with the mines of Vancouver Island and adjoining Coast districts, it has been to a very considerable extent confined to development work. Much has therefore been done which does not show in the actual shipments from mining properties. The shipments of ore from any mining camp in the early stages of its history are therefore in no way commensurate with the amount of work carried on. This is especially true in the case of Vancouver Island properties, where opportunities have not existed for utilizing the ore until this year. The production of two large mines shows unmistakably that the use of the staple mineral production, coal, has, in spite of the depression which has been in its amount. The island collieries have mined during the year the following amounts: New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, 400,000 tons coal; Wellington Colliery Co., 800,000 tons coal and 10,000 tons coke.

The Levee mines produced during the year 425,000 tons of coal and 112,000 tons of coke. In these amounts the coke production in each case is included in the coal mined. While therefore 1,225,000 tons of coal have been mined in the province during the year, there has been, roughly estimating, about 250,000 tons of the amount converted into coke, making 1,275,000 tons of this latter product.

Among metalliferous mines the shipments have not been very large, scattered over a large area and give promise of what the result will be when development work has been more fully carried out. From Gustafson, where the shipping stage has just commenced with the year 1902, there has been about 190 tons of ore shipped, which will probably give about 5 per cent. copper. From the Victoria canal the shipments have been somewhat low owing to the closing of the Hayes mine through the depression of the market. The shipments from this mine, from Marble Bay mines, on Texada Island, output for the year has equaled about 4,000 tons, which is a fairly good output, character, is difficult to estimate. Mount Sicker, where the activity has been great, the shipments have not been large, but the shipments are expected to be large in what may be expected in future. The Lenora Company, which has been unfortunately closed for a month or more this year, has shipped at least 3,000 tons, which would give about 8 per cent. copper. The amount shipped from the Lenora and the Tye Company, which has been about 1,000 tons per centage of that mined and now on the dump.

The Tye Company have only opened their smelter and have been holding back during the year in anticipation of this. Their shipments have only been about 3,000 tons, which would give probably 6 per cent. copper. There has, in addition to this, been small shipments from various points to the smelters, some of them intended only as trials of the value of the ore. From Princess Royal Island and various other Northern mines quantities have come, making probably a total of about 300 tons of copper ore.

The shipments of iron ore have been confined to Texada Island, from which the Pacific Steel Company has sent about 1,000 tons to the Ironclad smelter.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Alexander, who has entertained large audiences here by his interesting and instructive lectures, left to-day for Nanaimo. The professor has just completed a series of lectures on phonology to a large class. He intends spending about a week at the Coast City, and will then visit Ladysmith. He will then take in Vancouver, after which there is a probability of his going on to Victoria, having received a cordial invitation from a number of citizens who have promised to form an anti-slavery class, and to hold lectures in Portland, and other points will be included in his tour.

Capt. Roberts, of the steamer Majestic, went over to the Sound last evening to attend the official laying of the keel of the Algonquin Steamer, a new passenger steamer, the Callam, at the St. Paul yards, Tacoma. Work on the new boat has been in progress for a few weeks and it is expected that the steamer will be ready for service some time in May.

F. Carter-Cotton, J. B. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton, and R. Cunningham were among the passengers from Vancouver last night by the Chaco.

MACDONELL APPEALS

From Decision in the Case Brought by Dr. Milne-Burrard Candidates.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The Conservatives have finally decided not to run a candidate against R. G. Macpherson, and it is possible Chris. Foley will not take the field for the Liberals who opposed the result of the convention. Indications are that the fight will be narrowed down between Messrs. Macpherson and McInnes. As R. G. Macdonell has died notice of appeal in the case with Dr. Milne-Burrard.

A New Year's Gift that would not fail to give unbounded pleasure, a comfort, unapproachable when you are asleep, a delight to the eye when you are awake, describes the Elder Down quilts to be had at Weiler Bros. Prices from \$5.00 to \$40.00.

There are about 100,000 people in New York who cannot read English. Many of these belong to the Italian population. Last year 138,455 Italian immigrants landed at the port of New York, the total immigration through the port for the year ending July last being 433,350, the largest on record.

The Kobe Chronicle speaking of the Imperial iron foundry in Japan, says it has proved a failure because of the United States supply of iron in that country, and that the government hopes to secure the privilege of working the rich Hangang iron mine in China.



We wish all our customers a bright and prosperous New Year.

Campbell's Prescription Store

PORT AND DOUGLAS STS., VICTORIA, B. C.

Late Car Service

New Year's Eve

New Year's Night

To-night, New Year's Eve, cars will make late trips; last cars will leave the city for all points at 12.30.

A special car will leave Head Street for the city at 2.30 a. m., after the dance to be given at the Barracks.

B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LD.

35 YATES STREET.

JURY'S VERDICT IN RAILWAY WRECK

COLLISION CAUSED BY WRONG ORDERS

Cannot Agree as to Responsibility—The Canadian Northern to Be Rushed to the Coast.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—The Wainstead inquest continued to-day, no evidence of a startling nature being given. James Smith, front brakeman on the freight, stated that the semaphore was not up against his train when it left Wyoming. James Troy, operator at Kingscourt, testified that it was his first night in charge at Kingscourt. Carson's order book was placed in evidence showing that orders had always been annulled in a regular way up to the night of the accident. The jury returned the following verdict: "We find that Arthur W. Rickerts was killed in the collision at Kingscourt on the evening of December 29th, 1902; that said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. As to the responsibility for this issuance of wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Dispatcher Kerr. We consider that the accident could have been avoided by the operator at Wyoming or Kingscourt junction had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points, one being but a boy of 16. At each of those places a dispatcher, having ample time to do it, could have endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

Prohibitionists.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Prohibitionists are to meet the Ontario government on January 25th, and demand that in view of the referendum vote the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ontario be abolished.

New Editor.

It is announced that Rev. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Westminster, will succeed J. S. Whillson as editor of the Globe. He will commence his new duties as soon as he can conveniently sever his connection with the Westminster.

Damages Against Steamer.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Damages were rendered in the Vice-Admiralty court this morning by Judge Routhier of \$18,000 against the Hamburg-American line steamship Westphalia. Last fall the steamship collided with the schooner Marie Ann in Quebec harbor, the captain and mate of the schooner being drowned. Of the damages \$10,000 go to their widows.

Fire.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Fire this morning damaged the McLaughlin building and contents to the extent of \$40,000. Seven firms had property damaged.

Will Rush Work.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Wm. McKenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, who arrived here to-day, said it was the intention of his company to push construction to the coast as rapidly as possible. An Eastern connection from Port Arthur would also be rushed, as the surveys had been on the ground all last summer.

Calgary Cattle Market.

The offer to Calgary of Twifler & Company, Montreal, to secure a monopoly of the cattle market in that city was considered by the council to-night. The company want 31 acres of land and the monopoly. The council propose that the company give the city \$1,000 a year after the first four years and three per cent. gross receipts, and if so, the deal will go through.

Will Reduce Cost.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—Marconi was banqueted by the citizens of Sydney to-night. In his speech Marconi said the Atlantic cable cost four millions and the wireless system cost two hundred thousand dollars. He contracted to send messages across the Atlantic at ten cents a word, but the day might come very soon when they could be sent at one cent a word.

CASTRO AT CAPITAL.

Reply of Venezuela to Allies Proposal is Expected Shortly.

Caracas, Dec. 30.—President Castro arrived here this morning. At 3 o'clock United States Minister Bowen called upon the President and communicated to him the recommendation that issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received to-morrow.

Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, and the towns of Sancarlos and Tinaquilla, which for some time past have been in the possession of Venezuelan revolutionists, have been recaptured by government forces. The revolutionists at Barquisimeto evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto. It transpired that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto.

United States Minister Bowen has received information that the Dutch steamer Prinz Maurits has entered certain Venezuelan ports blockaded by the British fleet and discharged her cargo. Special permission for the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomery, of the British cruiser Charybdis. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan ordered the Prinz Maurits away from the port, but Commodore Montgomery directed that she continue to discharge her cargo. In Caracas this is held to be a discrimination against American steamers, and the British commodore's action has been criticized.

May Be Bombarded.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Westminster, Caracas, dated yesterday, says: "The portmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Elke threatened in consequence to bombard the town."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature on every box.

Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court at Chicago on Tuesday on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the charge.

"The pitcher that goes often to the well is broken at last." There's a world of wisdom in that familiar proverb, and a sound application of it to disease, especially to such familiar forms of disease as coughs and colds. Singularly enough the very thing that ought to cause alarm is very often a feeling of safety. "It's nothing; only a cough." I've said it before. The fact that a cough recurs periodically should be warning enough to take it in time, for the most serious and disastrous of all maladies begins with a cough.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery not only stops the cough but cures the cause. It cures obstructed coughs, bronchitis, weak lungs, hemorrhages, diseases which if neglected or unskillfully treated find a fatal termination in consumption. Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is no other medicine "just as good" for weak lungs.

"I was very sick indeed," writes Mrs. Mollie K. of New York. "I had consumption. I thought I must die soon for I felt so bad. Had a bad cough, and blood in my sputum. I was sick over two years. I had pains in my chest and right lung. Also had dyspepsia. Before I took your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' I was so weak I could not sweep a room, and now I can do a small washing. I worked in the canning factory this fall, and I feel like a new person. I believe that the Lord and your medicine have saved my life. I was sick over two years. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

CANADIAN TRADE.

United States Consul Says Dominion is Much in Evidence in England.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Telegram's London cable says: "The United States consul at Liverpool in his report on Anglo-American trade, says it would be unwise to dismiss the matter of Canadian competition as a bugaboo. Canada has never been so much in evidence in this country as during the current year."

SCHALKBURGER'S LETTER.

Appeal to the Government to Remove Grievances.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—General Schalkburgher, former acting president of the Orange Free State, in an open letter, published in the Onsland, appeals to the government to be merciful to those who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Boer cause, and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, "Forgive and forget!" In conclusion General Schalkburgher expresses the hope that the people will show that the power of rule in South Africa lies in the Afrikaner, "who will remain loyal while righteousness reigns and while his rightful portion is allotted him."

VICTIMS OF SNOWSLIDE.

Five Bodies Have Been Taken From the Molly Gibson Mine.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 30.—The body of S. M. Campbell was brought to the city this morning from the Molly Gibson mine. So far no relatives of the deceased have been heard from, but a number of people who think they knew him will seek to identify the body.

The body found yesterday morning, which could not be identified at the time, has proved to be that of M. S. Hall, the assayer. His father and brother-in-law arrived in the city to-day from Tekos, Wash., and will take the corpse to-morrow as far as Spokane, and home the following day. Three other bodies have been found, only one of which, Louis Broulee, has been identified. No further developments have taken place at the mine. Has the body been found near the bottom of the slide, over a mile away from the bunk house, and Broulee about a hundred yards off, just past the end of the canyon, and the other bodies about half-way down the slide.

NEW GERMAN WARSHIPS.

Number Will Be Added to Navy During the Coming Year.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Emperor William has telegraphed to Max Guillaume, of the North German sea-cable works of Stettin, as follows: "I have learned with special interest the launching of the first cable ship built at a German shipyard, and I express, in connection with the new German Atlantic cable, the hope that it will contribute towards strengthening more and more the good relations between Germany and the United States."

The naval budget for 1903 provides for laying down immediately two battleships, one armored cruiser, two small cruisers and five torpedo boats. Their construction is within the permanent naval programme. Two battleships now building will be completed in the summer of 1903, and three small cruisers will be finished early in 1904. These will have a steaming radius of 5,000 knots.

During 1904 four battleships, one armored cruiser, and one gunboat were commenced.

THE COAL COMMISSION.

Counsel For Non-Union Men Will Submit More Evidence.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here to-day to arrange for the presentation of the mine owners' side of the strike controversy to the commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. Those represented were the Delaware & Hudson Company, the Philadelphia & Reading, N. Y., Ontario & W., John Markle, the Independent coal operator of Hazleton, the Enterprise Coal Company, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and the non-union mine workers. After the conference a statement was read out which stated that on Tuesday when the commission sits the non-union counsel would submit further testimony which will possibly consume a day or two, then the operators will open and proceed with evidence which will be presented by the coal companies. The presentation of the operators' side will consume about twelve days or two weeks, perhaps more.

STILL INVESTED.

Sultan's Troops Continue to Hold Fex Against the Rebels.

London, Dec. 31.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the Sultan has told a deputation at Fex that he is prepared to die in defence of the town. The Moors are confident, continues the correspondent, after what passed between Menebi, who visited London last year, as Moorish ambassador, and the Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, that in case of necessity, Great Britain cannot refuse to give the Sultan assistance. It is impossible to disabuse them of this idea, as they lay the entire responsibility for the present rebellion at Great Britain's door for fostering European ideas and introducing Christians into the Moorish country.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Telegrams from Tangier say the Sultan's troops have abandoned the fortress of Raselma, close to Fex, and the pretender is negotiating with the tribes in the immediate vicinity of Fex to assist his advance.

The Spanish minister at Tangier reports the situation to be serious, but not desperate. After a cabinet meeting here to-night, Foreign Minister Abazuzza expressed a more hopeful view of the Moroccan situation. He said he thought it not likely that the rebels would capture Fex.

Prof. Curschmann, of Leipzig, has been called to Dresden, Saxony, for consultation with the court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his family.

Eve Tempted Adam.

And Adam has been tempting Eve ever since. Imagine a man selling a woman rancid butter while keeping her attention fixed on a "prize" given with the rancid butter! A woman may be tempted by "prizes" to buy common soaps, that she may not know will soon ruin her clothes and hands. But she soon finds out the difference between common soaps and Sunlight Soap. She finds Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar—a prize in itself. Her clothes last longer, and her hands are saved from eczema.

MISSIONARY WORK IN HONAN, CHINA

DR. GUINNESS RELATES EXCITING EXPERIENCES

Was a Passenger on Iyo Maru Yesterday—Tells of Narrow Escape From Death.

Twenty-four days of travel by the somewhat antiquated system in vogue in China, and then a long voyage over the Pacific to Victoria is not all that a trip to America implies to the missionary leaving the interior of the Flowery Kingdom. It necessitates, according to Dr. Guinness, of the China home mission, who arrived here yesterday afternoon on the steamship Iyo Maru, a complete transition in the matter of dress and the abandoning of other foreign customs so important in the successful work of the missionary in inland China. Along the coast one is not obligated to don the unshapely habiliments, to grow the queue or adopt some of the numerous other characteristics of the Chinese, for reasons obvious. Indeed, however, the missionary desirous of becoming in harmony with the life of the people do so by complying with as many of the customs of the people as their religious scruples will permit. In this way, said Dr. Guinness yesterday, they are not regarded as strangers, and their work is the more effective.

Dr. Guinness is a young Englishman who has spent six years in China, and has thoroughly mastered the Chinese language. "I can't help feeling a little odd in these clothes," he said, when seen aboard the steamer yesterday, "for up to the time of leaving China I had worn the native dress—yes, and the queue. I have just had mine cut off. Nearly all our missionaries over there follow out these customs."

The doctor then proceeded to tell of some of the curious phases of Chinese life. "Give the Chinese a little touch of civilization and what a nation they would be. Naturally cheerful of disposition (sometimes under circumstances that would cause his Caucasian brother over-whelming worry), of wonderful endurance and marvellous patience, the Chinese have many traits of character in which they are unequalled. The Chinese, however, is always slow, and as a rule uncleanly."

Dr. Guinness has labored in the northern province of Honan during the past six years, making Kai Feng his headquarters. From there his travels to civilization were unique to western ideas of transportation. In a cart behind a span of mules, driven tandem, he rode three days before reaching Cheo Kiakio. There he embarked in a house boat, the crude craft so peculiar to Chinese waters, and came down to Chongking-huan. At the latter place the house boat was abandoned for the wheelbarrow. Drawn by a man harnessed in front and pushed by another behind, the passenger with legs astride the wheel came along without interruption for four days, the only stoppages made being for tea, which the operator of the barrow required for refreshment about every hour. Afterwards taking a house boat to Wuhu, the remainder of the tour to Shanghai was made by steamer. From Victoria the doctor will proceed home to England. He has had an attack of diphtheria, and when completely revived in strength will return to Honan with just as much enthusiasm as he ever had in the missionary work. This work he reports is making very satisfactory progress, and the Boer troubles have not been without some good results, for among other things the insurrection has brought the ignorant classes to a realization of the power of the missionaries. The missions burned down and otherwise destroyed are as a general rule not being reconstructed. Native houses are used as places of worship, and they seem to serve the purpose to perhaps a better advantage. Dr. Guinness believes that quiet has now been restored throughout China. The same Empress, he significantly remarked, is on the throne, and trouble might occur at any time, but at Pekin all the legations are fortified and have

a commanding position over the city, so that their mere presence has a very pacifying effect.

If ever a missionary had a narrow escape from the treachery and murderous designs of the Boxers in 1900, it was Dr. Guinness. At the time he was in the walled city of Shai-ki-tian, and for 17 days his life's blood was sought. With four others he was sequestered by a friend in a loft for 12 days. The Boxers knew of their being in the city, and infuriated mobs could be heard in the very building in which the missionaries had hidden. Fortunately in China a neighbor's friendship is never to be mistrusted, and this fact alone prevented the keys of the room in which the missionaries lay hiding from being surrendered. From the window a clear view could be obtained of the whole of the interior, save one corner, and in this the fugitives, including one infant, had to huddle for days. Finally the attitude of the Boxers became so threatening that the owner of the building fearing that he might be suspected transferred the occupants to a loft, where they were also sought. So near was the doctor falling a prey to the barbaric elements that on one occasion he says a number of the Boxers had peered through the trap door, the only entrance to the loft, and only desisted on going further on being told that no one but ladies were above. At the time he was on the very door that had been forced open. His escape from the city occurred five days after entering that loft. He and his fellow missionaries were smuggled out of the gates of the city at night, the gate keeper being paid a handsome sum for granting the exit.

Troubled with Kidney Trouble for Six Months.

Many Men and Women Are Troubled With Kidney Trouble, Some For Less Time, Some For Longer—No Need To Be Troubled For Any Length Of Time, If They Only Know Of The Cures Being Made By.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Backache Is The First Sign Of Kidney Trouble—Then Come Complications Of A More Serious Nature.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS TAKEN AT THE FIRST SIGN OF BACKACHE WILL SAVE YOU YEARS OF MISERY. Mrs. William H. Banks, Torbrook Mines, N.S., tells the public about the great qualities of Doan's Kidney Pills in the following words: "I was troubled with kidney trouble for six months, and had such terrible pains across my kidneys all the time that I could hardly get around. After taking one box of Doan's Kidney Pills I began to feel better, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was completely cured. Price 50c. per box, or 3 boxes for \$1.25; all dealers or The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont."

WANTED.

WANTED—Ward ma'd. Apply to Matron, Jubilee Hospital.

WANTED—A young girl to mind child of two years. The "Lion," Esquimaux road, near Lampson street.

WANTED—Employment as caretaker, watchman, or any place of trust; security given if needed. A. Wiggs, Post Office, Victoria.

WANTED—Good general servant; wages \$25 per month. Apply 138 Menzies street.

WANTED—A teacher for Burgoyne Bay school, South Salt Spring Island; one wanted that can teach music; a good certificate required. Address Edward Lee, South Salt Spring Island, secretary.

WANTED—One or two apprentices in a local business. Address: Station number of payments yet to be made, bonus asked, etc. No. 11, Times Office, Victoria.

PARTICULARS ARE WANTED, and where possible, accompanied by photographs, of improved raised farms for sale of from 70 to 100 acres, with house, outbuildings, etc., on Pender or adjacent islands in the San Juan District. Address Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria.

FOR SALE—3,000 rubber, men's, boys', women's, mittens, from 10 cents. Eden's Junk Store, 125 Fort, near Blanchard.

BRASS FORB PUMP, incubator, butter and milk separator, at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Blanchard and Yates streets.

FOR SALE—Nice lot on South Turner street, on sewer; price \$300. Heisterman & Co.

TO LET.

TO LET—Two large light offices; best position in the city; rent reasonable. Thomas & Grant, 62 Government street.

OFFICES IN BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING—Modern conveniences, heat and water, low rents; also large hall. Apply secretary.

TO LET—Furnished for housekeeping, 3 rooms, with use of bath and new sewing machine, \$15 per month; 2 rooms (light housekeeping), \$10 per month; 1 room (light housekeeping), \$5 per month. 118 Douglas street, cor. Cornerant street.

TO LET—Suitable housekeeping rooms, 152 Fort street.

HOUSES TO LET—Dallas road, 7 Cadboro Bay road, 9 rooms \$22.50 Cadboro Bay road, 8 rooms 16.00 Green St., 6 rooms 7.00 Head St., 11 rooms 25.00 Johnson St., flats 20.00 Speed Ave., 4 rooms 5.00 Whittier Ave., 9 rooms 15.00 Owner pays water rates.

THE STUART ROBERTSON CO., LTD., Successors to A. W. More & Co., Ltd., 23 Broad St.

TO LET—10 roomed house, with all conveniences, 42 Henry street, Rock Bay. Apply 38 Bridge street.

TO LET—All kinds of storage taken at 92 Wharf street; bonded and free warehouse. Harry S. Ives.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A fountain pen, between one and two o'clock Monday afternoon. Finder please return to 186 Yates street, or Times Office. Reward.

LOST—Gold neck chain, with small gold heart attached set with pearls and one ruby. Finder please leave at Times Office and receive reward.

STORAGE.

FURNITURE and household effects stored in clean, dry warehouse, or purchased. Victoria Auction Mart, Odd Fellows' Block, 83 Douglas street.

UPHOLSTERING AND AWNINGS.

SMITH & CHAMPLIN, 100 Douglas street. Upholstering and repairing a specialty; carpets cleaned and laid. Phone 712.



Find the hunter to whom these dogs belong.

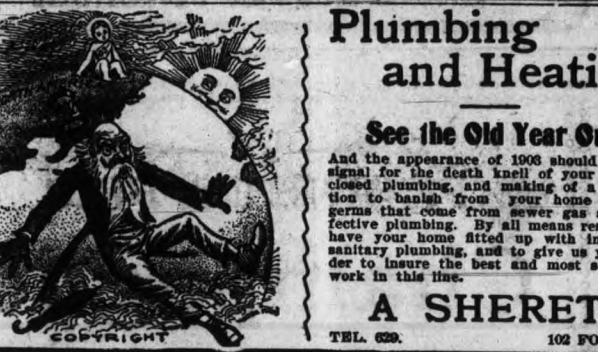
Will Sell Cheap

FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS ALL XMAS STOCKINGS AND FANCY CHOCOLATE BOXES

To clear them out before New Year. Call and see them.

ERSKINE, WALL & CO.

TEL. 22. THE LEADING GROCERS.



Plumbing and Heating

See the Old Year Out

And the appearance of 1903 should be the signal for the death knell of your old enclosed plumbing, and making of a resolution to banish from your home disease germs that come from sewer gas and defective plumbing. By all means resolve to have your home fitted up with improved sanitary plumbing, and to give us your order to insure the best and most scientific work in this line.

A SHERET,

TEL. 620. 102 FORT ST.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

MOORE & WHITTINGTON, 150 Yates St. Estimates given, job work, etc. Phone 700.

THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad street. Alterations, office fittings, wharves repaired, etc. Telephone 520.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' boots and shoes at bargain prices, and your repairing done, at Nangle's, the prize boot and shoe maker, 56 Fort street. Please call. You won't be misled.

ENGRAVERS.

BUSINESS MEN who use printers' ink need Engraving. Nothing so effective as illustrations. Everything wanted in this line made by the B. O. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria. B. O. Cuts for catalogue a specialty.

ZINC ETCHINGS—all kinds of Engravings on zinc for printers, made by the B. O. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad St., Victoria. Maps, plans, etc.

HALF TONES—Equal to any made anywhere. Why send to cities out of the Province when you can get your Engravings in the Province? Work guaranteed, prices satisfactory. The B. O. Photo-Engraving Co., No. 26 Broad St., Victoria, B. C.

FLOWER POTS, ETC.

SEWER PIPE, FLOWER POTS, ETC.—B. O. Potter Co., Ltd., Cor. Broad and Pandora, Victoria.

SCAVENGERS.

JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocers; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 130.

PAINTING, PAPER-HANGING, ETC.

B. ARMAN LEWIS, 29 Pioneer St. Estimates furnished. Tel. 920A.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shiping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 128.

CONTRACTORS.

L. HAFER, General Machinist. No. 150 Government street. Tel. 590.

ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings; work carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

CARRUTHERS, DICKSON & HOWER, 181 to 185 Johnson street, Grimm's Block, manufacturers of show cases and store fixtures in hard and soft wood; designs and estimates furnished.

PHRENOLOGY.

MISS BEST—Phrenologist and palmist, gold medalist, No. 50 Pandora street. Office hours, 2 p. m. until 9 p. m.

EDUCATIONAL.

FINE ARTS, Scientific Drawing and all Art Work. Martindale, master. Studio, 304 Government street. Prospectus on application.

SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street (up-stairs). Shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping taught. R. A. Macmillan, principal.

SOCIETIES.

VANCOUVER & QUADRA, No. 2 A. P. & A. M. Third Wednesday of each month, Masonic Temple, 56 Douglas street. R. B. McKinnon, Fire Warden's Block, Secretary.

New Vancouver Coal Co., LIMITED.

NANAIMO, B. C.

SAMUEL M. ROBIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

Coal Mined by White Labor.

New Wellington Coal

Washed Nuts, - \$5.00 per ton

Sack and Lumps, \$6.00 per ton

Delivered to any part within the city limits

KINGMAN & CO.

24 Broad St., Cor. Trounce Alley.

Wharf—Spratt's Wharf, Store Street.

Telephone Call 1947.

The New Vancouver
Coal Mining & Land Co.
LIMITED.
Supply from their Nanaimo, Southfield and Protection Island Collieries
Steam Gas Coal
House.
of the following grades:
Double Screened Lump,
Run of the Mine,
Washed Nuts and Screenings
SAMUEL M. ROBINS - SUPERINTENDENT

The Daily Times.

(Published every day except Sunday)
by the
Times Printing & Publishing Co.,
JOHN NELSON, Manager.

Office 26 Broad Street
Telephone No. 45
Daily, one month, by carrier 75
Daily, one week, by carrier 20
Twice-a-week Times, per annum \$1.00

All communications intended for publication should be addressed "Editor the Times," Victoria, B. C.

Copy for changes of advertisements must be handed in at the office not later than 9 o'clock a. m.; if received later than that hour, will be changed the following day.

The DAILY TIMES is on sale at the following places in Victoria:

Cashmore's Book Exchange, 106 Douglas.
Emery's Cigar Stand, 25 Government St.
Knight's Stationery Store, 75 Yates St.
Victoria News Co., Ltd., 80 Yates St.
Victoria Book & Stationery Co., 81 Gov't.
E. N. Hibben & Co., 49 Government St.
A. Edwards, 51 Yates St.
Campbell & Cullen, Gov't and Tronoe Alley.
Georg. Marsden, cor. Yates and Gov't.
H. W. Walker, grocer, Esquimaux road.
W. Wilby, 81 Douglas St.
Mrs. Crook, Victoria post office.
Pope Stationery Co., 119 Government St.
J. Redding, Craigflower road, Victoria W.
J. T. McDonald, Oak Bay Junction.
Orders taken at Geo. Marsden's for delivery of Daily Times.
The TIMES is also on sale at the following places:
Seattle-Lowman & Hanford, 616 First Ave. (opposite Pioneer Square).
Vancouver-Galloway & Co.
New Westminster-H. Morey & Co.
Kamloops-Smith Bros.
Dawson & White, H. Bennett News Co.
Rossland-M. W. Simpson.
Nanaimo-E. Finbury & Co.

PAST AND FUTURE.

To-day we close the book of the year, after a hasty glance at the past, and prepare to open a new volume. Nineteen hundred and two has brought the usual average quota of good and ill to humanity. There have been wars and accidents by sea and land to assist time and nature in the work of obliteration. Badges of mourning are worn by multitudes, especially in the newest and the oldest portions of the Empire, where the hand of affliction has fallen very heavily. Even in the places where peace abounds the silent procession with its mournful trappings has never ceased to move. But in the midst of all the note of joy and hope has been dominant.

Much though the thoughtful may deplore the fact, it is a fact that the spirit of materialism is still in the ascendant at the close of this second year of the century. Possibly it would be wrong to say that this spirit is stronger than it was at a time when the masses were more disposed to accept the dogmas and the creeds of the churches without question. But we are more prone than our forefathers to rejoice over evidences of national material progress because statisticians are abroad and we are provided with means of comparison when the men of earlier days did not possess. Our foreign trade as a people is weighed in the balance regularly and the progress made duly noted. The materialism of Canadians is of the patriotic kind which rejoices in evidences of the great things in store for their beloved land. The future has been opened to their view, and they behold with the eye of faith their children as one of the great nations of the world. Never in the history of their country have Canadians had so much reason to regard the future of their country with complacency as at the present time. The progress in all lines of industry since 1890 has been truly marvellous. It has been felt by cautious men that a check was bound to fall upon this progress in the immediate future. Our Finance Minister has felt it incumbent upon himself to urge caution; that it was extremely probable the crest of the wave had been reached. But the warning voice need not have been raised. The current gathers strength as it flows. The year which closes to-day has been one of the busiest in the history of the country. And as we turn our backs upon the past and strive to catch a glimpse of what the new year has in store for us, there is scarcely a threatening cloud to be observed upon the horizon. There will undoubtedly be temporary checks, the result of unfavorable seasons or disturbed condition of the markets, but confidence in the soil and climate of the hope of the Dominion—the West—has been permanently established, and it has been decreed that we shall always go forward.

We also believe the tribulations of the province in which we are most directly interested are about at an end. We have passed through a period of hard times—or what we of the West are disposed to call hard times. A visit

from the crowded centres of Eastern America or any part of Europe would have some difficulty in finding in Victoria any evidences of poverty such as it had been his lot to contemplate. But the progress in this province has not been up to expectations. Perhaps we have been too sanguine. In our case there is a strong probability that the tide has turned. There is no doubt whatever about the wealth of the country nor about the brightness of our prospects when we have solved the problems of economic production and sure and steady markets such as the farmers of all Canada are now assured of. The future is indeed bright with hope. May that hope be more than realised, and peace, prosperity and happiness attend Canada, the Empire and the world during the coming year.

EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

The Mayor is not saying much about municipal affairs these days. He is a discreet man as well as a witty one. The less discussion there is the better His Worship will be pleased, because the better he will stand before the ratepayers. His organ has adopted a like course. It is also wise in its generation. But neither the Mayor nor the Colonist need hope to sidetrack certain matters it is important the public should be informed upon. The connection of His Worship with the deficit shown in the exhibition accounts must be discussed, and will be thoroughly established. Mr. Hayward, it is said, overruled all majorities and entered into contracts for "attractions" which proved comparatively unattractive and which, if His Worship's ordinary good sense had not been blinded by his intense desire to pave the way for another term as the head of the corporation, he could not but have foreseen would have proved failures from the only standpoint on which they could be judged. His Worship was most careful at the time to publish the fact that he was the enterprising individual who was instrumental in securing the "attractions" alluded to. He is not saying much about such matters now. It looks very much as though in his anxiety to further his own personal ambitions he has killed the international exhibition, besides involving the ratepayers in liabilities to a considerable amount. It would certainly be a political mistake for His Worship or his newspaper advocate to utter a word that would draw public attention to these things.

We think we are perfectly justified in assuming that His Worship has had a political motive in all his movements, at least during the past year. He knew pretty well that his own words when he said no man should seek to monopolize the Mayor's chair would be brought up against him. Therefore he has been scheming most assiduously to make his election sure. We do not think the Colonist need be offended at our saying it knew the weak point of His Worship and that it collected its account by a skillful punch on that solar plexus point. At any rate we are quite sure no private individual creditor of the exhibition association could have delivered the blow with the same satisfactory result. It is well to have a good, true and trusted newspaper friend when one is running for any office in the gift of the people. We know the secretary of the exhibition association refused to recognise any priority of claims against the moneys in the treasury. He was ordered by his superior officers to prepare the necessary voucher. It is not at all discreditable to the Colonist that it had such a "pull." It is a tribute to the potency and power of the press. Nevertheless there was discrimination. That discrimination is bound to arouse resentment, and we are not surprised that His Worship and his organ are desirous that the matter should not be unnecessarily stirred up.

GREAT CHRISTMAS

STORY WRITER.

Americans claim that Santa Claus crossed the ocean before the days of the great Peter Stuyvesant, and from a comparatively obscure figure in a limited Dutch circle has increased and multiplied until at a stated season of the year he dominates the civilized earth. That is, the spirit of benevolence, thankfulness, joyfulness, hope and good-fellowship which is so largely developed at this season of the year originated, like much else that is uplifting in its tendencies, in the United States. It is even said that the great man who with his luminant pen revived, if he did not actually create, the Christmas spirit, received the inspiration for his entrancing tales in the course of his travels in America. It is perhaps just as well to let the matter rest at that. Despite the merciless manner in which Charles Dickens exposed what he conceived to be wrong and unjust and oppressive in the "institutions" of the republic, he is the most widely read and the most popular author in the United States to-day. The average American evidently prefers "breadth" in his humor. The work of the keen, penetrating, incisive blade of Thackeray, polished by contact with the equally keen spirits of Punch, notwithstanding the American spirit which pervades the "Virginians," is not so thoroughly appreciated as the broad, uproarious spirit which permeates the average Dickens volume. In select circles Thackeray is regarded as exquisite; Dickens is

irresistible, and the irresistible force prevails.

At this season of the year there is always a Dickens revival in the United States, especially in the neighborhood of New York and Boston. John Hollingshead writes as follows in the New York Times about the great author:

The attempt to diagnose the causes of Charles Dickens's comparatively early death at the age of fifty-eight, mostly made by friends and intimates, has led to little more than one opinion—overwork, overwork, and always overwork, mental and physical. No one who looks at the vast gallery of living portraits which he has given to the world can require to be told that these pictures were created by long, intense, and corroding labor—labor that never ceased, night or day, labor that concealed much of its effort, and showed the least in the mere surface process of transmission to paper. Many of these creations were worse than nightmares, as all strong characters in fiction must necessarily be. They were daymares. They were with him in his long, and what seemed to me to be dull, mechanical walks, governed by milestones and timed by a stop-watch. He was glad of a congenial companion to exercise these spirits. They came back to him in the evening, and in the dead of night they often thrust him to rise and walk the long tramp of twenty-seven miles from Tavistock square to Gadshill, through the mists of early morning. Those who can see no "wear and tear" in all this must be singularly ignorant of nervous organizations such as Dickens possessed and which probably killed Shakespeare at fifty-two, setting aside the legend of the carouse under the mulberry tree with Ben Jonson.

In writing his strongest characters Charles Dickens always acted them. He could hardly do otherwise with his dramatic temperament and the dramatic nature of his works. Why more dramas have never been manufactured out of the works of Dickens is found in the fact that they contained too much dramatic and "objective" material rather than too little. From this creation of dramatic fiction the step to dramatic recitation was easy and simple. It was always a mistake to call these efforts "readings." They were the most dramatic of recitations—"Stage-plays," within the minutest technical meaning of the act. The "Christmas Carol" was a mere diversion—pleasant, genial, and not too taxing, like the book itself—a poem in prose. If he could only have stopped at that; but he hankered after the intense and melodramatic. Against the advice of a small body of friends he selected the episode of Bill Sikes from "Oliver Twist." This (according to my opinion, and I was present at the private performance) was his death warrant. I was probably one of the few persons present who knew this drama on the stage and this exacting character. I saw it repeatedly at the Victoria theatre before it was represented by the Lord Chamberlain's department. The "Murder of Nancy," with a powerful actor like E. F. Savile, a brother of Lady Martin (Miss E. Faucit) as Bill Sikes, provoked the gallery and upper parts of the house every night to such an extent that the 2,000 rabid and ragged playgoers rose as one man and nearly destroyed the theatre with a tornado of blasphemy.

I have strong and perhaps peculiar opinions about Bill Sikes in this connection. I may possibly be wrong; but I regard Bill Sikes as Dickens's Frankenstein "monster." I could say much more, but it is not for an old disciple to say too much about his acknowledged master.

Perhaps there was a time when duelling was a dangerous pastime in France. The last element of danger has been removed. In the last great contest with swords the weapons were subjected to antiseptic treatment. Bullets cannot be treated in that way. There will be no more duels fought with pistols unless some uncivilized foreigner with an unnatural, barbarian thirst for gore, breaks into the circle.

To-morrow being New Year's Day the Times will not be issued. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers and friends a Very Happy New Year, with many more of them to follow.

Sam Blake thinks the Premier of Ontario, Hon. G. W. Ross, should be defeated and Mr. J. P. Whitney installed in the position. The Blakes always were—well, eccentric.

WEAR CLOTHING OF MEN.

Buffalo Masquerader Says She Knows Twenty Others.

"Harry" Gorman, the woman who for twenty years has masqueraded as a man, and whose sex was revealed when she was placed on an electric chair at the Buffalo hospital after falling on the ice and breaking her leg, declares she knows twenty women in Buffalo who wear men's clothing and hold men's positions.

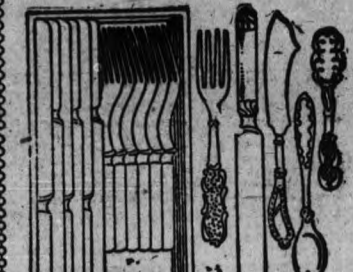
"Four of these women are employed by the New York Central Railroad," said "Harry." "Two of them are engaged in the most laborious kind of work—they are baggage men, who load big trunks into cars. They are as muscular as the ordinary men, and hard work has no terrors for them. I know these women well. We had no regular organization, but we ran across each other once in a while, and over our beer and cigars in saloons we have had many a good laugh at the expense of the men. You know men consider themselves smart. Well, sometimes a woman can fool them. I fooled them, and other women are fooling them right here in Buffalo every day."

"I passed for a man more than twenty years. When I got out of the hospital I intended to be a man again. I couldn't be hired to wear women's clothes. I'd be first. I hear that they're going to arrest me as soon as I get out of the hospital. Well, let them. But just as soon as I get my liberty I'll be a man again. I couldn't be like a woman if I tried."

Rev. Thomas B. Perry, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, called to see "Harry" Gorman, but she refused to see him. The clergyman wanted to persuade her to don women's clothes on leaving the hospital. "Tell the clergyman for me," said "Harry." "What there is not a woman in the world who some time or other has not wished that she was a man. Ask him if he ever heard of a man who wished he had been born a woman."

"Harry" was for several years a regular customer at a saloon, and she dropped in almost every evening after work and drank three or four glasses of beer. She generally smoked two or three cigars in an evening. "The day I didn't smoke a half dozen cigars and drink two or three beers or high

Gifts For New Year, 1903



SILVER PLATED WARE.
ENGLISH TABLE CUTLERY.
FISH AND DESSERT SETS IN CASES.
CUT GLASS.
OAK GOODS WITH B. P. MOUNTS.
A useful and durable article for table use is always an acceptable New Year's gift, and an ever present reminder of the donor. We guarantee all our tableware to be of the best quality, and the prices low.

C. E. REDFERN,
43 GOVERNMENT ST.
Established 1862. Telephone 118.

New Year's Gifts

We have a line of Fine Electro Plated Spirit Flasks, Pocket Corkscrews, Table Corkscrews. If you have forgotten to make a Xmas gift, we have still a line of useful gifts in Cased Goods, Carvers, Razor Sets, which will come in nicely for the New Year.

FOX'S, 78 Government Street.

Pickled Black Cod, Eastern Cod.

EASTERN APPLES, 1 gal. can	30c.
EASTERN BLUE BERRIES, 2 cans	25c.
SIMCOE CHICKEN SOUP, 2 cans	25c.
CLARK'S EASTERN SARDINES, 4 cans	25c.
FRENCH EASTERN SARDINES, 2 cans	25c.

Choice Potatoes, 75c per Sack.

HARDRESS CLARKE, 86 DOUGLAS STREET.

Our 7th Year

Will begin on Monday, January 5th, at 9 o'clock a. m. We have all the reason in the world to congratulate ourselves on our past success. We have been successful because of the earnestness, competency and enthusiasm of our staff of five teachers. We have been successful because we have taken a personal interest in each of our students' studies and future, as we have never let go of a student till success crowned our efforts. We do not like the word "fail." We have been successful because of our practical methods of teaching office work and accounting. It is well known that we use neither text books nor patent make-believe systems; our work is as real as the work of a commercial office.

While our rates are payable in advance for the full course, we are willing to help anyone who cannot afford to pay the money down, to pay it in instalments, if the student binds himself for the full course. We want no half time students. (A half baked cake is no cake at all.)

THE VOGEL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
VANCOUVER, B. C.

"What Will the New Year Bring?"

IT WILL BRING
Joy and Gladness
TO ALL WHO BUY
NEW YEAR'S CAKES, &c.
—FROM—
Deaville, Sons & Co.
GROCERS, ETC.,
Hillside Ave. and First St.

Dry Cord Wood FOR SALE.

Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd.
Telephone 120.

A Happy New Year to All...

The past year has been one of progress for us, a year in which our large established business has increased its boundaries, and in which there has been considerable development. We have sustained our reputation. We rely not upon the past, but upon our determination to make the future record greater business achievements than ever. We study to make our business methods approved by the hundreds of customers who have given us their unstinted support, and we trust to merit the continuance of their favors by honest dealing and progressive business methods.

We would again wish all our friends and patrons a very prosperous New Year. Yours respectfully

WEILER BROS.

THE COMPLETE HOUSE-FURNISHERS.

A night of fun, frolic, music and merriment. New music, novelties, specialties, college stories, college stunts, college fun. Prices, 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00. Seats on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Store Friday.

Spencer's New Year's Greetings

We wish you all the compliments of the season, and thank all those who have helped to make this year's business reach figures beyond our expectations, and we hope by fair dealings to be able to say the same next year.

Our store will be open this evening

What 10c will buy to-night

Inkstands, Souvenirs of Victoria, Hair Receivers, and a lot of imperfect, worth 15c. to 35c.	Pin Cushions, Brush Holders, Photo Frames, etc.
--	---

What 25c. will buy to-night

Paper Weight, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Ink Stands,	Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glassware, Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, Books, etc.
---	---

Hair Nets--Just received

Front Hair Nets, all shades	10c. each.
Hair Pads, all sizes	15c., 20c., 25c. and 35c. each.

See Broad Street Window for Display of Unshrinkable Underwear

For Grownups and Children, all qualities and all prices.

Men's Natural Wool	65c.
Ladies' Natural Wool	50c. and \$1.00

We beg to thank our numerous friends for their patronage during the past year, and wish them all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

THE SAUNDERS GROCERY CO., LD.
39 and 41 Johnson Street.

Alexandra Royal College of Music and Art, Victoria, B.C.

15 Broad Street, DIRECTOR: HERR PEJE STORCK.
Music is all branches taught. Art, Dramatic Art and Physical Culture.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR LINE OF TABLE COVERS AND PICTURES
Selling 20 per cent. less than elsewhere, for Xmas.
BROOK & O'NEILL, 52 FORT ST. TEL. 946.

..1903..

We wish all our friends and patrons a truly happy and prosperous New Year.

Cyrus H. Bowes

98 Government St., Near Yates St.
TELEPHONE 425.

City News in Brief.

John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity.

In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dist. H. Ross & Co., Esplanade, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will, at Government House, hold a reception from 3 to 6 p. m. on New Year's Day. From 3 to 6 p. m. to-morrow Mayor Hayward will be at his residence to receive New Year's callers.

Watchnight services will be held to-night in the Metropolitan Methodist church, commencing at 11 o'clock, and also at St. James's church, James Bay, commencing at 11.30. Services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

On Monday evening the pupils of Miss R. Stoddard, A. V. C. M., gave a musicale at the studio, when the following took part: Miss M. Hodge, Miss A. Hodge, E. Flett, M. Scott, E. John, M. Plett, J. Fullerton, J. Scott, M. Stenler, H. Morrison, N. Tagg, B. Dances, R. Scott, H. Stenler, E. Grath-wolm, Ernest Sprague, Thornton Fullerton, Sybil Hawkesley and Leslie Hawkesley.

The tender for the new school house at Esquimalt has been awarded to Geo. Snider, of this city, his being the lowest tender. The new school will be a two story brick building of three rooms, situated at the head of Lamson street, Esquimalt. The work will be ready for completion, and will soon be ready for occupation. The contract for the small school building at Matsqui was also awarded by the government, the contract going to Thos. Lord, of New Westminster. This school is a one room building, and will be built at once.

The Fernwood Rugby team to play the Victoria Intermediates on New Year's day will be chosen from the following: W. Peden, R. Dalry, P. Jones, A. Shot-bolt, H. Peden, P. J. Noot, W. P. Marchant, E. A. Gallop, H. Thrall, W. Thrall, H. B. Marchant, H. Shandley, A. Peden, J. Hancock, H. Claydars, P. Winch, H. Macmillan, W. Macmillan, F. Moore, B. Robertson, C. McEwen, W. Blackstock and J. H. Griffith. All the above mentioned are requested to be on hand at 10 sharp New Year's morning. Br. E. A. Gallop has been asked to captain the Fernwood team. The Fernwood will wear the club colors—amber and black. The game will take place at the Caledonia grounds.

Another "Picturesque Victoria" has been brought out, and this newest addition to the list, judging by the excellence of its contents, will be as useful as any of its predecessors in making known the charms of this city. The volume referred to is a striking booklet which Hibben & Co. have had printed, containing over 30 views of the city and its environs. Hunting, fishing and camping views are included among the better known scenes of the place, as well as a few of Vancouver and of points along the C. P. R. The cover contains a pretty view of the entrance to Victoria harbor.

There Is Nothing

Like a bottle of our Antiseptic Tooth Powder for preserving, cleansing and beautifying the teeth; 25c. a bottle. Try one of our English Tooth Brushes at 25c.; guaranteed.

FAWDETT'S FAMILY DRUG STORE,
Cor. Douglas St. and King's Road.
TELEPHONE 630.

At the Masonic Temple last evening the annual installation of officers of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., took place. Harry Smith, D. D. G. M., of Duncan, acted as installing officer, and was assisted by M. W. Bps. D. Wilson, E. B. Paul, Geo. Glover, J. Phillips, Thos. Shotbolt and W. Dalry. The following were the officers installed: W. M. Bro. W. F. C. Pope, S. W. Bro. J. J. Randolph; J. W. Bro. Arthur W. Currie; treasurer, Bro. B. S. Heisterman (re-elected); secretary, R. B. McMicking; S. D. Bro. H. M. Grahame; J. L. Bro. Leonard Tait; I. G. Bro. H. J. Scott; S. S. Bro. Andrew McAfee; J. S. Bro. E. H. Russell; chaplain, Rev. H. J. Woods; D. of C. Bro. M. McC. Crawford; organist, Bro. Prof. Haynes; tyler, Bro. P. Stockham (not a member). The lodge presented M. W. Bros. A. Walker with a past master's jewel in recognition of his services. Bro. Walker acknowledged the gift. On the completion of the ceremonies a banquet was served, over 100 guests being present.

MONEY TO LOAN

On inside property at low rates, and on Residential Property
Insure in the Manchester Assurance Co.
Swinerton & Oddy,

GUNS AND CARTRIDGES

All the latest Firearms and Smokeless Cartridges kept in stock.

JOHN BARNESLEY & CO.
115 GOVERNMENT STREET.

FOR SALE
At a Bargain

100 acres, 8 miles from city, on Saanich road, near Elk Lake; 30 acres under cultivation; good orchard, 6 roomed house, stock, implements, hay, etc.; all for \$4,500. It will pay you to look this up.

P. C. MacGregor & Co.

AGENTS, 2 VIEW ST.

If you want a beautiful everlasting porcelain wreath, call and see them at Stewart's Granite and Marble Works, Yates street.

Sportsmen have but another day to pursue pheasant and quail. The season for ducks will close on the 1st of March.

For every \$1.00 purchased from now till the New Year the purchaser will receive a pair of embossed white counters at W. H. Pennock, 64 Yates street.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon there were registered 1,255 licenseholders and householders. The city assessor will be at his office from 7 to 9 this evening to take additional names.

"Is an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and the present muggy weather is a boon to the makers of door mats. It is impossible to do without one. Weller Bros. have them from 50c. to \$3.50.

The delay in the High school building not being taken off the hands of the contractor is not caused by Thomas Cattell failing to carry out his work. It is due to modification being required in the heating apparatus provided.

This morning a deputation from the board of trade, consisting of S. J. Pitts, C. H. Todd, R. Machin and J. A. Mara, waited upon the government and laid before them the need of a more centrally located office for the agent-general in London. The members of the delegation pointed out the necessity for having the office within easy reach of the business sections of the city of London. The government promised to give the matter careful attention.

The meeting in the interests of Aid. McCandless, candidate for the mayor, will be held on Saturday instead of Friday evening, as first announced. The postponement has been made owing to the Victoria-Columbia Masonic installation banquet and several other gatherings which are to be held on the former evening. The meeting will be held at 88 Douglas street, Old Fellows' building, and doubtless the supporters of Aid. McCandless will turn out in force.

The amount paid in cash dividends to policyholders by The Mutual Life of Canada in the year 1901 exceeded by many thousands of dollars that of any other Canadian company. The Reserve Fund held by The Mutual Life of Canada is higher than the Dominion government standard; its percentage of expenses to income is the lowest of any company doing business in Canada, while its premium rates are the lowest of any of the old line companies. Before insuring elsewhere call at 34 Broad street, and obtain the rates and plans of The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager.

SANTA CLAUS IN COUNTRY.

Christmas Entertainments in Saanich, Mayne Island and Sooke—Excellent Programmes.

A very successful entertainment was held in the Methodist Sunday school, North Saanich, when Santa Claus delighted the teachers and pupils by his well-known generosity. An excellent programme was rendered, and all present heartily enjoyed themselves.

The annual Christmas tree celebration in the Mayne Island school as usual furnished enjoyment for both children and older people. The schoolroom had been very prettily decorated by the schoolmaster, S. E. Roe, Mrs. Roe and their friends, and much credit is due Mr. Roe for the creditable way in which the children conducted themselves. Mr. Richard McBride, M. P. P., was voted to the chair, and made a happy little speech. An excellent programme was rendered.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Sooke school district in Charter's hall, Sooke, was a very enjoyable affair. A large number of people attended, and the affair was in every sense a success.

In their splendid programme the school children showed the benefit of the careful training of their teacher, Miss Boorman. Especially was the care of Miss Boorman evident in the school songs, the drill and in the recitation, "Mrs. Not-tag and Her Cat." "The Dolly's Doctor," by Fred Milne, was enjoyed by all. After the programme games were played and refreshments served. At 11.30 p.m. the candles on the Christmas tree were lighted, and "a Dutch Santa Claus" with his big pipe came upon the scene. The antics and the broken English of Santa were very amusing. The presents that the old gentleman distributed to the children were both useful and pretty. A grab bag was provided for the older folks. It was interesting to watch the faces of some of the children when they drew half pines and cutlery. At the close of the entertainment dancing was indulged in by those who remained.

Ebony Toilet

Goods

Roger & Gallet's Perfumes, Pinaud's Perfumes, Fiver's Perfumes, are suitable articles to select as a New Year's gift.

HALL & CO.,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
Clarence Block, Cor. Yates & Douglas Sts.

Kipperd
Herring

Finnan Haddies, Smoked Halibut, Lipton's Hams and Bacon, New Year's Turkeys, Cranberries, etc.

Watson & Hall

Family Grocers.
PHONE 448. 65 YATES ST.

Carving Sets
\$1.00.

Watson & McGregor's,
90 JOHNSON ST.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Enjoyable Recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Last Evening.

Yesterday evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church there was a rich musical treat for those who were fortunate to be present. The opening number, a Prelude et Marcia, by A. H. Brown, brought out the full power of the organ under the capable hands of the organist, G. J. Burnett, who knows so well how to manipulate the king of instruments. The next number was the solo, "It Is Enough," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," which was most artistically rendered by Herbert Taylor, although he has for some time been suffering from an attack of hoarseness. Mr. Burnett brought out the "cello obligato very effectively on the organ, but seeing there was a 'cello in the programme it was rather disappointing not to have this part played on the instrument for which the composer wrote it. This was followed by a pupil of Mr. Taylor's, Miss Jeanne McAlpine, giving the solo, "With Verdure Clad," from Haydn's "Creation," in a most brilliant manner. The ease with which she sang the difficult passages in this solo would almost lead one to think that there was no difficulty about it, her voice is so clear and flexible, and her intonation so true that no fault could be found with the clever interpretation she gave of this number. After this there was a violinello solo played by Urquhart Jackson in good style. He brought out a good rich tone, but he would have achieved a still greater success if he had not taken it at quite so rapid a tempo. Probably this was attributable to a little nervousness. The concluding number of this part was the great duet of Haydn's "Graceful Consort," which was given by Miss McAlpine and Mr. Taylor in a most artistic manner, and showed each artist, he thought at home in their respective parts. An offertory was then sung, and the second part was opened by Mr. Taylor singing in his best style the ever popular solo, "Nazareth," by Gounod. Mr. Burnett played a tracketted number A. "O Star of Eve," Wagner, and B. "Pastorale," Wely, the first number being one of Mr. Burnett's best efforts, the way he manipulated the stops giving the most perfect rendering possible of this solo on the organ. The effect of the B number was somewhat marred by the rattling of the action of the organ in the staccato passage, although it was evident Mr. Burnett was doing his best to cover up this defect in the instrument. Miss McAlpine and Mr. Taylor then gave the duet, "Widow and Prophet," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," a number that has not often been sung here, and a very clever interpretation they gave of it. Their voices blended well together, and the phrasing and expression was as near perfection as anyone could wish to hear. Mr. Burnett played the concluding number, the ever popular offertory in G, by Wely, in a most spirited manner, and thus concluded, from a musical and artistic point of view, a most enjoyable recital. It must be rather discouraging to both the organist and choirmaster that so few of the regular congregation belonging to the church were present. Although it was got up to assist the funds of St. Andrew's, fully two-thirds of the audience were people who came from other churches.

Poultry and Meats

Of All Kinds and of the Best Quality

Quaker Brand, French Peas and Beans, canned while young and tender; the most satisfactory vegetable offered. Confectionery, Nuts, Oranges, etc. Fancy China, Nickel-Plated Copper Tea and Coffee Pots, Kettles, etc. Decorated Tea Pots, Tongs, etc. All at low prices.

JOHNS BROS.

Butchers and Grocers. 259 Douglas Street.

Pretty
Slippers

For
New Year's
Gifts
At

The Paterson Shoe Co's Stores

House of Commons Scotch Whisky

Is noted for its purity and fine flavor.
For sale by the leading grocers and bars.

It Sometimes
Happens That
Presents Are
Duplicated.

If you get anything from this store that you want to have exchanged we will be only too glad to do so. Gloves not the right size will be exchanged and fitted whether tried on or not. We will redeem our Glove Certificates as fast as you can present them.

GEO. R.
JACKSON,

57 GOVERNMENT STREET.

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

for
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Go to
W. M. WAITT & CO.

THREE CARLOADS

of
PIANOS

received last week. You
can give a New Year's Gift
of a

PIANO FOR \$10.00

down and small monthly
payments.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR
INDUCEMENTS.

—It will be news to everyone that a nice bedroom square can be purchased at Weller Bros. for \$4.50.

WE KEEP MOVING



Our stock by underselling all competitors in Diamond Rings, Pins, Earrings and other articles of jewelry. Our reputation, low prices and honorable dealing does the business for us. Diamonds are, and at all times will be, a good investment, providing you buy them right. This we can assure you. A few weeks ago we received an assortment of nearly \$7,000. They have been personally selected by Mr. Wenger from the best cutters in Amsterdam, and are a part shipment of the large parcel he has bought. Some of them are set in the latest styles and combinations, which we would like you to inspect. We solicit a call.

J. WENGER,

DIRECT IMPORTER OF DIAMONDS,
90 Government Street,
Established 1876. Victoria, B. C.

Christmas Gifts

That Will be Appreciated.

Edison Phonographs.....\$10.00 to \$50.00
Victor Columbia Talking Machines.....\$25.00 to \$75.00
Regina Music Boxes.....\$10.00 to \$25.00
Mandolins, all the first-class makes.....\$3.50 to \$35.00
Guitars, the finest stock in Victoria.....\$4.00 to \$40.00
Banjos, J. W. Stuart, Washburn and other makes.....\$5.00 to \$35.00
MANDOLINETTES AT FACTORY PRICES, AND OUR GREAT LEADER.

The Gerhard Heintzman Piano, Positively the
Finest Piano Made in Canada.

FLETCHER BROS.

The New Year's Greatest
Gift

Is a perfect shoe, and this is what James Maynard is offering. A shoe that combines the highest degree of elegance in shape and style, of superior finish, durability and power to retain its shape, and sold at a most moderate price.

James Maynard,

85 DOUGLAS STREET.

CHILDREN

Who need glasses are greatly hindered in their studies
at school owing to imperfect sight.

DR. WILLIAMS

OPTICAL SPECIALIST. 106 Government St.

NEAR YATES

OILED CLOTHING

ALL LINES IN YELLOW AND BLACK

J. PIERCY & CO.,

Wholesale Dry Goods. Victoria

SHOE-HYPOCRISY.

You cannot judge a book by its cover
nor a shoe by its looks.

The author's name on each, is significant!
Finish today conceals equally—good leather,
and poor shoddy.

Wear alone tells the difference!

Shoe-insurance consists in buying The Slater
Shoe, for Men and Women, which is stamped
with the Makes valuation in a slate, viz.—
\$4.00 and \$5.50

Booklet explains.



J. Fullerton and J. H. Baker,

SOLE LOCAL AGENTS.

FRESH FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH PEACHES 15c and 20c each Mowat & Wallace GROCCERS

FIRST MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN

LABOR CANDIDATES GIVE THEIR POLICY

They Complain That City Council Have Been Dilatory in Connection With Works.

At the meeting in Labor hall last evening the candidates representing the workingmen at the forthcoming election were given the opportunity of presenting their views publicly since they were nominated. The meeting was very well attended. Mr. Boulders occupied the chair.

T. H. Twigg, who was the first speaker, outlined his policy as a candidate for school trustee. He would work for the segregation of Chinese, cheaper books, more practical education and equal wages for teachers. He would stand against the same things that had been sanctioned by them at previous meetings. He contended that the Chinese were not doing their share of the cheap books he proposed that the trustees purchase the books from the publishers and then resell them to the pupils at a sum which would cover the cost and the wear and tear. He believed also in lady teachers receiving equal pay for their services as male teachers. If the same service were rendered.

Ed. Bragg said the workingmen who wished it might now have all the privileges accorded to professional men. There were reasons why the workingmen should have candidates in the field. In municipal matters subjects were constantly coming up requiring practical knowledge and experience. At present the board was constituted to represent the professional and mercantile classes. He alluded to the history of the Point Ellice bridge as an example of this. For the past year this matter had been allowed to stand about the same shape as it was at the opening of the year. He advocated immediate attention to the matter. The business of the district demanded such. The legal difficulties in the way of settling claims in connection with the bridge almost had been removed two years ago. The responsibility for delay was ascribed to the city engineer. He believed in making the blame for delay had been due to the engineer and paid to the contractor. The practical suggestions which a few workmen might bring to bear upon such a subject would result in a better bridge. The vote was taken he understood that the citizens were providing for the bridge and the filling of the ditches. There was then no mention of the Dominion government coming in to help. If the government did come in it would be in a position to oppose it, provided they did the work in a reasonable time. He attacked the wall which had been constructed. It was not a worthy one. The wall should not be judged by the face of cut stone. The inner wall was not such as a skilled mechanic would have required. Its strength lay in the cement filling alone. He thought it was a disgrace for the city to have a wall which was not a credit to the city. He asked for an additional grant in reward for his work in connection with that wall. The citizens have a right to have a bridge much better wall than that constructed when they provided the means for doing it under labor.

The sewerage system had been neglected. Going into the history of the introduction of the flushing system in connection with the sewerage of the city, he contended that the plan adopted had been the result of a long investigation into the merits of such matters. During the past season the means for flushing the sewers had been done away with. He favored giving the flushing inspector more power. He favored doing away with the ward system. He held that the "municipal tinkers" who worked abuses into the municipal acts. The ward system did not work out fairly. As an instance of this the North Ward and half the population and half the area of the city at present. What affected one part of the city affected the whole of it. He held that the ward system was a detriment to the city. It was also a detriment to every other part of the city. This was a matter of who were the candidates, but it was one of laying aside likes and dislikes and uniting to secure the best results. When the majority put men up they should be willing to back these up.

A voice—"What about the library, Jagg?"

The speaker said he was willing to meet the labor men and do what they wished in that matter.

A speaker rose and asked what the candidate would do for the benefit of the workingmen who were willing to work the city with no work to do?

Mr. Bragg had spoken of the Point Ellice bridge from the standpoint of a property owner only, and not that of the workingmen. In explaining his position Mr. Bragg said he would favor using the money that was now available for the filling in of the James Bay causeway. In other words he would favor the scheme as laid out by the Canadian government. The filling in of a strip of 100 feet wide would this winter afford work to a considerable number of men.

W. F. Fullerton was introduced as one new in municipal affairs, but well known in various other phases of labor work. He agreed with having the interests of labor represented on the city council. As an instance in connection with the building of the boats for the Victoria Terminal railroad, President Wood of the railroad had waited upon the Trades and Labor Council and when asked what the company was willing to do in return for the privileges which it was proposed to ask from the citizens, Mr. Wood said the company would expend about \$225,000 in the building of the two boats. Afterwards it was found by the Trades and Labor Council that this claim was not a fair one. The labor men had thereupon brought the question again forward and delay had been caused in the building of the boats. This was attended to. Referring to the Point Ellice bridge, he lamented that the city had adopted the work would now have been completed by day labor. He also favored the scheme for the filling of the mud flats by day labor. The library site should be selected somewhere in the centre of the city and not on the mud flats. He favored the eight hour day and the introduction of day labor in public work. He did not favor the scheme for the filling of the mud flats by day labor. He believed in paying only for what was done. He favored the city firms even if it cost a little more than it would otherwise do.

A question was asked as to what action

justice upon the labor men. The absent voters, the indifferent voters and all others not presenting themselves would be included among those opposed to the proposal.

Mr. Kermode urged workingmen to unite in electing their candidates. They should be represented on the aldermanic and trustee boards as they composed the majority of the population. The adoption of the eight hour day meant a more liberal distribution of wealth. Going into the Victoria Terminal railroad matter, he said that the Trades and Labor Council had been successful in blocking this by-law, which was to have been submitted on the 15th. The council had allowed the clause requiring the building of the boats in this city to be left out. The labor men had frankly told President Wood that without that clause the by-law would be defeated by them. Labor should be represented on the council, which would result in many mistakes of this kind being prevented.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Biggs—"Say, can I sell you a good horse?"

Diggs—"Don't know. What is the matter with the animal?"

A Wonderful Medicine.

Beecham's Pills

FOR ALL
Bilious and
Nervous Disorders,
Sick Headache, Constipation,
Wind and Pains in Stomach,
Impaired Digestion,
Disordered Liver and
Female Ailments.

PREPARED ONLY BY THE PROPRIETOR,
Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Eng.

Sold by all Druggists
In Canada and U. S. America.
In boxes, 25 cents.

A Wonderful Medicine. Beecham's Pills

FOR ALL
Bilious and
Nervous Disorders,
Sick Headache, Constipation,
Wind and Pains in Stomach,
Impaired Digestion,
Disordered Liver and
Female Ailments.

PREPARED ONLY BY THE PROPRIETOR,
Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Eng.

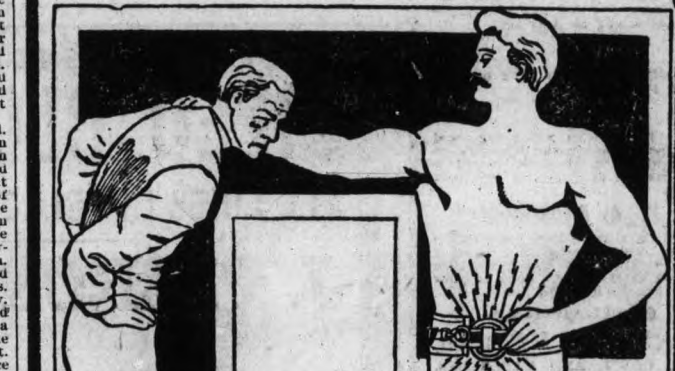
Sold by all Druggists
In Canada and U. S. America.
In boxes, 25 cents.

USE THE BIG G FOR UNUSUAL
discharges, inflammations,
irritations, and all
of mucous membranes.
Gentle, safe, and
entirely non-toxic.

Sold by Druggists,
or sent in plain wrapper,
by express, prepaid, for
\$1.00, or 3 bottles \$2.75.
Circular sent on request.

TAKEN ADVICE.

You can have freedom from pain and again be given life, energy and the vigor of youth if you wear Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt, with free electric suspensory for weak men.



It is pitiable to think of the vast number of men who go on from day to day suffering mental and physical torture as a result of their weakness, while right at their doors other men are being cured by it, they do not mention it to their closest friends; hence the prevalence of this trouble and the means of cure are appreciated only by those who have had experience. And yet I have thousands upon thousands of grateful patients who are willing to testify to their cures.

D. E. WINTERBOTTOM, Wawa, Ont., writes me the other day: "I was suffering from weakness. I am now entirely cured of dyspepsia. Thanking you for past favors."

A man who is nervous, whose brain and body are weak, who sleeps badly, awakes more tired than when he went to bed, who is easily discouraged, inclined to brood over imaginary troubles, who has lost ambition and energy to tackle hard problems, lacks the animal electricity which the Dr. McLaughlin Electric Belt supplies.

The whole force of vitality in your body is dependent upon your animal electricity. When you lose that by draining the system in any manner my Belt will replace it, and will cure you.

E. M. CLARK, Atascadero, Cal., writes me: "I got one of your Belts, and I have never been sorry for doing so. As to its merits, I cannot speak too highly for the cure of all forms of weakness."

My plan is to restore youthful vigor, make men and women feel as they did in early days. I am doing it for thousands. Electricity is vital force, and I know how to apply it. You wear my appliance while you sleep. In the morning you feel a new lease of life.

Pains in your back, Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver and Stomach weaknesses, and debility or organic trouble, Varicose, Lost Vitality, Female Weakness—all can be cured by this method. No drugs.

WM. HUGHES, 32 Bolton Avenue, Toronto, says: "I have been wearing one of your Belts for many months and the pain in the back is entirely gone. I am now in the best of health and my general health is greatly improved and so is the flesh. My office contains hundreds of these old-style Belts."

SPECIAL NOTICE—Look out for these old-style Belts that are offering you a cheap imitation of my cushion electrodes. They are a very poor imitation; they quickly dry and scorch the flesh. My office contains hundreds of these old-style Belts.

Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt is the only electric appliance that is sold where the patient is under the care of a physician until he is cured. The success of any electric appliance depends upon its intelligent application.

I have a nicely illustrated book which every man should read. I will send it, closely sealed, free.

WE PAY DUTY
Dr. M. E. McLaughlin, 106 Columbia St., Seattle, Washington

PAINTING AND PAPERHANGING Halpenny & Mellor, 186 Yates Street.

CLOTHES CLEANING

Gentlemen's clothes cleaned, pressed, repaired or altered at shortest notice. Call and give a trial. All work guaranteed.

Opposite Dominion Hotel,
James Dupen,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK MURPHY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1901, or persons claiming to be entitled to the estate of the said Patrick Murphy, shall be required to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 1902, the names of the persons claiming to be entitled to the estate of the said Patrick Murphy, and the nature of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of the persons who shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for any assets or any part thereof to any persons or persons claiming to be entitled to the estate of the said Patrick Murphy, who have not been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria this 2nd day of December, 1902.

S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz:—

The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867. The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1868, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Act Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1874, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1875, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1876, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1877, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1878, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1879, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1881, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1882, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1883, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1884, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1885, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1886, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1887, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1888, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1889, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1890, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1891, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1892, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1893, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1894, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1895, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1896, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1897, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1898, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1899, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1900, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1901, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1902, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON,
J. ROBERTS,
By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON,
J. ROBERTS,
By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of the District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the south by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Spokane Falls & Northern R'y Co., Nelson & Ft. Sheppard R'y Co., Red Mountain R'y Co., Washington & G. N. R'y, Van., Vic. & E. R'y & N. Co.

The only all rail route between points east, west and south to Hamilton, Nelson, Grand Forks and Republic. Connects at Spokane with the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Co. for points east and south, connects at Hamilton and Nelson with the Canadian Pacific R'y. Connects at Nelson with the E. R. & N. Co. for Kamloops & S. P. points. Connects at Gurley with stage for Greenwood and Midway, B. C. Buffet cars run on trains between Spokane and Republic.

Effective Nov. 22, 1902.

Leave.

9.25 a.m. Spokane 5.45 p.m.
10.15 a.m. Hamilton 5.10 p.m.
7.00 a.m. Nelson 8.00 p.m.
11.00 a.m. Grand Forks 4.00 p.m.
9.15 a.m. Republic 5.40 p.m.

H. A. JACKSON,
General Passenger Agent,
Spokane, Wash.

"The Milwaukee"

A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, known all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Pioneer Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago. "The only perfect train in the world." Understand: Connections are made with ALL Transcontinental Lines, assuring to passengers the best service known. Luxurious coaches, electric lights, steam heat, of a verity equalled by no other line.

See that your ticket reads via "The Milwaukee" when going to any point in the United States or Canada. All ticket agents sell them.

For rates, pamphlets or other information, address:

J. W. CASEY, H. S. ROWE,
Travel Agent, General Agent,
PORTLAND, OREGON.
E. M. BOYD, Com'l Agt., Seattle, Wash.

MEN

Are made vigorous and healthy by our VACUUM DEVELOPER. This treatment will enlarge shrunken and undeveloped organs, remove all weaknesses relative to the genital urinary system. Particulars in plain sealed envelopes. Health and Vigor Co., Safe Deposit Bldg., Seattle.

Householders' and License-holders' Qualification.

For the convenience of the public who desire to qualify under the "Householders' and Licenseholders' Qualification" as voters at the ensuing Municipal Elections for the year 1903, the office of the Assessor at the City Hall will be kept open on the evenings of Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 28th to the 31st inst., from 7 to 9 o'clock.

WM. W. NORTHCOOT,
Assessor.

LAND FOR SALE.

Royal Oak Station, Sidney H. R.; stream of water running through telephone, R. E. station and church close by; an ideal place for fruit or vegetable raising; 4 1/2 miles from city hall. Will be cut up in 5, 10, or 20 acre blocks. For terms, apply

JAMES A. GRANT,
62 Government St.

FOR SALE.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE, good attachments, 5 drawers, warranted to sew as well as new. \$25 cash; one Singer, 2 drawers, good sewer, \$10 cash. Rent machines \$2 per month. Needles for all machines, 25c. per doz. Best oil, 10c. All makes repaired, reasonable.

S. B. SUTTON,
118 Douglas St.

Drain Tiles

Farmers and others wanting agricultural drain tiles will find it to their advantage to call at Messrs. Raymond & Co. Government street telephone 272; or to the manufacturer's yard, JAMES BAKER, Phone No. 407, Douglas St.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.

S. H. ROBLIN,
F. CROMBIE.

PINE CREEK POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of THE PINE CREEK POWER CO., LTD., will be held at the offices of A. L. BELYEA, K. C., No. 25 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th day of January, 1903.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 10th day of December, A. D., 1902.

A. L. BELYEA,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON,
J. ROBERTS,
By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON,
J. ROBERTS,
By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of the District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the south by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Spokane Falls & Northern R'y Co., Nelson & Ft. Sheppard R'y Co., Red Mountain R'y Co., Washington & G. N. R'y, Van., Vic. & E. R'y & N. Co.

The only all rail route between points east, west and south to Hamilton, Nelson, Grand Forks and Republic. Connects at Spokane with the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Co. for points east and south, connects at Hamilton and Nelson with the Canadian Pacific R'y. Connects at Nelson with the E. R. & N. Co. for Kamloops & S. P. points. Connects at Gurley with stage for Greenwood and Midway, B. C. Buffet cars run on trains between Spokane and Republic.

Effective Nov. 22, 1902.

Leave.

9.25 a.m. Spokane 5.45 p.m.
10.15 a.m. Hamilton 5.10 p.m.
7.00 a.m. Nelson 8.00 p.m.
11.00 a.m. Grand Forks 4.00 p.m.
9.15 a.m. Republic 5.40 p.m.

H. A. JACKSON,
General Passenger Agent,
Spokane, Wash.

"The Milwaukee"

A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, known all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Pioneer Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago. "The only perfect train in the world." Understand: Connections are made with ALL Transcontinental Lines, assuring to passengers the best service known. Luxurious coaches, electric lights, steam heat, of a verity equalled by no other line.

See that your ticket reads via "The Milwaukee" when going to any point in the United States or Canada. All ticket agents sell them.

For rates, pamphlets or other information, address:

J. W. CASEY, H. S. ROWE,
Travel Agent, General Agent,
PORTLAND, OREGON.
E. M. BOYD, Com'l Agt., Seattle, Wash.

MEN

Are made vigorous and healthy by our VACUUM DEVELOPER. This treatment will enlarge shrunken and undeveloped organs, remove all weaknesses relative to the genital urinary system. Particulars in plain sealed envelopes. Health and Vigor Co., Safe Deposit Bldg., Seattle.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EXCURSIONS

Fare From Victoria to Nanaimo and Return Only \$3.00.

Excursion Rates in Effect to all other Stations. Tickets good for going journey from December 24th to January 1st, inclusive, returning not later than January 2nd, 1903.

GEO. L. COURTNEY, Traffic Manager.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

And Soo Pacific Line
WORLD'S SCENIC ROUTE

LOWEST RATES. BEST SERVICE. To all points in Canada and the United States. The fastest and best equipped train crossing the Continent.

Cheap Excursion to Kansas City, Mo.

Dates of sale, January 8th and 9th. Final limit 30 days. For full particulars as to time, rates, etc., apply to

E. J. COYLE,
A. G. P. A., Vancouver, B. C.
H. H. ABBOTT,
88 Government Street,
Victoria, B. C.

Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., Ltd.

ALASKA ROUTE—FOR SKAGWAY DIRECT.

Amur, Jan. 1st, 11 p. m.
To Northern B. C. way ports, 1st and 15th of each month, 11 p. m.
To Westminister, Tuesday and Friday, 7 a. m.
To Ahousat and way ports, 1st of each month, 11 p. m.
To Cape Scott and way ports, 10th of each month, 11 p. m.
To Quatsino and way ports, 20th of each month, 11 p. m.

THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE.

At Skagway, Alaska, FOR WHITE HORSE AND ICEBERG PASS. The new line of stage coaches on the WINTER TRAIL makes possible continuous travel throughout the year to Dawson and other points. For particulars apply to TRAFALCO DEPT. WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE, Vancouver, B. C.

OCEANIC

FOR
Hawaii, Samoa,
New Zealand and
Australia.

S.S. SONOMA, for Auckland, Sydney, 10 a. m., Thursday, Jan. 6.
S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Jan. 11, 10 a. m.
S.S. ZEALANDIA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p. m.
J. D. BARNES, for San Francisco, Agents, Or R. P. RITHE & CO., LTD., Victoria, Spokane, Wash.

Are You Going East?

Then be sure your tickets read via the
North-Western
Line

The only line now making UNION DEPOT connections at ST. PAUL and MINNEAPOLIS with all through trains from the Pacific Coast.

"The Milwaukee"

A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, known all over the Union as the Great Railway running the "Pioneer Limited" trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago. "The only perfect train in the world." Understand: Connections are made with ALL Transcontinental Lines, assuring to passengers the best service known. Luxurious coaches, electric lights, steam heat, of a verity equalled by no other line.

See that your ticket reads via "The Milwaukee" when going to any point in the United States or Canada. All ticket agents sell them.

For rates, pamphlets or other information, address:

J. W. CASEY, H. S. ROWE,
Travel Agent, General Agent,
PORTLAND, OREGON.
E. M. BOYD, Com'l Agt., Seattle, Wash.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Caroline Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON,
J. ROBERTS,
By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

TICKETS TO
KOOTENAI,
CANADIAN,
AMERICAN AND
EUROPEAN POINTS

SHORTEST AND QUICKEST LINE

St. Paul, Duluth,
Minneapolis, Chicago

Through Palace and Tourist Sleepers. Dining and Buffet Smoking Library Cars. DAILY TRAINS: FAST TIME; SERVICE AND SCENERY UNQUALLED. For Rates, Folders, and Full Information regarding Eastern Trip, call on or address, K. J. BURNS, General Agent, 75 Government Street, Victoria.

THE GREAT NORTHERN

75 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

Atlantic Steamship Sailings

St. John. Paravian-Allan Line Dec. 29
Bavarian-Allan Line Jan. 3
Tunisian-Allan Line Jan. 10
Corinthian-Allan Line Jan. 17
Lake Ontario-Elder-Deerpater Line Jan. 2
Lake Erie-Elder-Deerpater Line Jan. 9
Lake Michigan-Elder-Deerpater Line Jan. 16
Californian-Dominion Line Jan. 23
Colonian-Dominion Line Jan. 30
Ivernia-Cunard Line Dec. 27
Sussex-Cunard Line Jan. 3
Struthia-Cunard Line Dec. 27
Campania-Cunard Line Jan. 3
Umbria-Cunard Line Jan. 10
Celtic-White Star Line Dec. 31
Ticonderoga-White Star Line Jan. 7
Philadelphia-American Line Dec. 31
St. Paul-American Line Jan. 7
Philadelphia-American Line Jan. 14
Bluecher-Ham-American Line Dec. 27
Frederica-Ham-American Line Jan. 3
Graf Waldersee-Ham-American Line Jan. 10
Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse-N. G. Lian. 6
For all information apply to H. H. ABBOTT, 88 Government St., Agent for All Lines.

FOR South-Eastern Alaska.

LEAVE VICTORIA, 5 P. M.
Cottage City, Dec. 7, 19, 31, Jan. 12.
LEAVE SEATTLE, 9 A. M.
Cottage City or City of Topeka, Dec. 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, Jan. 6, 12, and every 6th day thereafter.

For San Francisco

LEAVE VICTORIA, 8 P. M.
Queen, Dec. 5, 20, Jan. 4.
Umsia, Dec. 10, 25, Jan. 9.
City of Puebla, Dec. 15, 30, Jan. 14.
Steamer leaves every fifth day thereafter. Steamers connect at San Francisco with Company's steamers for ports in California, Mexico and Humboldt Bay.

Are You Going East?

Then be sure your tickets read via the
North-Western
Line

The only line now making UNION DEPOT connections at ST. PAUL and MINNEAPOLIS with all through trains from the Pacific Coast.

THE CONQUERING WILL.

BY SILAS K. HOOKING.

Author of "God's Outcast," "In Spite of Fate," "To Pay the Price," "For Such is Life," "The Heart of Man," "For Life and Liberty," "A Son of Rembrandt," etc.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Time and Change.

At the end of a fortnight Basil and Phil found themselves comfortably settled at St. Moritz. They made the journey by easy stages. They spent a day in London, though Basil did not go to his rooms. Two days in Brussels, lay in Basle, three days at Davos, and so over the Fluela Pass to St. Moritz.

On the first day or two Basil was shy and in the main silent. The decision was surely passing away, but now and then it seemed to recoil at him, and for hours on the stretch would scarcely speak a word. But a passion of death was no longer upon him, the instinct of life once more held its throne.

Phil appeared to take no notice of Basil's fits of silence, and when they got into fresh scenery, especially when they got into the high altitudes among the mountains, it soon became clear to him that Basil was rapidly recovering tone. So he inwardly rejoiced but said nothing.

Two subjects Basil steadily avoided—himself and Dorothy. He made no allusion to his illness, never gave a hint that he felt depressed. Later it seemed to him like a hideous dream which he was anxious to forget.

For several weeks the subject of work was not alluded to. They were out for a holiday. They spent all the time they possibly could in the open air, and there could be no doubt they were benefiting by it.

The thermometer registered many degrees of frost every night. The snow lay deep over everything, but the air was so crisp and dry, the sky was so blue, and the sunshine so brilliant that they were scarcely ever conscious of the cold. There was no lack of amusements, evening parties, skating parties, tobogganing parties were the order of the day. Basil had not the physical strength of Phil, but he did not appear to notice it. Sitting on the balcony with his feet wrapped in rugs he watched the others at their play when he did not feel like equal to taking part.

Basil after a week or two threw himself into every kind of game with wonderful zest and enthusiasm. Phil would need to question him concerning his strength. All the old brightness came back to his eyes and the color to his cheeks, and often his laugh rang out as freely as in the happy old days of the past.

There was another subject that was discussed, though it began to occupy Basil's thoughts, and that was religion. He tried to put it aside. He thought of a subject he had done with; he outgrew it as he had outgrown his aches and his mother used to make him. But he could not put it aside. He and Phil occupied the same bed, and every night when Phil knelt beside his bedside and prayed the subject forced in upon Basil's mind. They did talk about religious matters even at night. Phil was particularly careful to avoid all allusion to this subject, nevertheless, he always went to church on the Sunday, and he never neglected his own devotions.

So the weeks and months slipped away perceptibly. The snow melted from the valleys and from the lower slopes of the mountains, and the spring flowers began to peep out of their hiding-places and to steep the early morning with their fragrance.

Basil had made no attempt to work so he left home. He tried not to think about it, if possible, for in his heart there was still a fear that his life had become stagnant, and that his mind had lost its power. As the summer advanced, Phil talked about going home for a few weeks and returning before the winter set in. Basil did attempt to influence him in any way, but he made no offer to accompany him. There might come a time when he would desire to return to England and occupy his old rooms in London, but that time was not yet.

He tried to gain a complete mastery over himself than he had yet done. Winter had been a delightful time at St. Moritz, but the summer proved quite as delightful. Every week brought out people that he was more or less acquainted with. Excursions were arranged to more distant places. Mountain peaks were scaled and glaciers explored. Phil, seeing that Basil might be safely taken by his way by easy stages to land, and spent a month at Lynx, where he was overhauled again by his doctor.

Mr. Cleveland, hearing that he had been, came across one day to see him, and brought Dorothy with him. "You look better," said Mr. Cleveland in his hearty way, "considerably better."

My doctor tells me that I am better, Phil said, with his eyes on Dorothy, "but, nevertheless, advises me to stay in the winter in the same place." "Dearly, isn't it?"

In the contrary, it is most delightful. But I am told it is like being shut in a snowdrift.

"Our informant has evidently not considered that," said Phil with a laugh. "Of course, everything is buried deep in snow, but that is scarcely any inconvenience at all."

"But the cold?" said Mr. Cleveland shrugging his shoulders. "Oh, that's the beauty of it. You get the damp, muggy cold you get in the air is perfectly dry and clear. The air is so fresh and so clear, or weeks on the stretch we go to the beautiful sunshine."

They had been listening interestedly did not speak. Phil looked at her to time, and was struck with the thought that a year had wrought more in her than he had. She was as beautiful as ever—in time more so. But she lacked the activity. Now and then she smiled in a way that was exceedingly winsome, a merry ripple of light-headed



TIMES DAILY FASHION HINTS.

Monte Carlo coat in delicate shade of biscuit color. It has very large sleeves and a pelrine up. The cape is trimmed with heavy lace and with five vertical stripes, which are widest at the lower edge, where they end in points. These stripes are decorated with stitching and with tiny buttons, which also form a finish for the cuffs and collar.

laughter that used to reveal her presence was no longer heard. Moreover, when she walked it was with a slower step, as though she felt weary with a long journey, and when she sat still a tired expression came into her eyes.

"And did you bring Mr. Pendarvis back with you?" Mr. Cleveland blurted out after a pause.

"No, he preferred to stay where he was," he said. Dorothy and the color mount suddenly to her neck and face; but he did not appear to notice her.

"He's busy painting another picture, I suppose?"

Dorothy turned her face suddenly, and an eager light came into her eyes.

"No; he's doing nothing," Phil answered.

"Nothing?"

"I hope he'll begin again after a while," Phil went on without heeding the last question. "But his illness last Christmas gave him a greater shaking than anyone knew."

"Indeed, I was not aware that it was anything serious."

"He's nearly recovered now," Phil said, "but for a long time I was very anxious about him."

Mr. Cleveland rose to his feet and began to button his jacket. "I want to go across and see Mr. Fryar now I am so near," he said. "Will you go along with me, Dodo, or will you stay here and talk to Mr. Duncan till I come back?"

"I think I will stay and talk to Mr. Duncan, if you won't mind," Dorothy said with a blush.

"I shall be delighted," Phil answered, with a very perceptible quickening of his heart.

For awhile after Mr. Cleveland's departure neither of them spoke. Dorothy was longing to ask questions about Basil, but had not the courage to mention his name. For twelve long months she had been trying to forget him, and yet to-day she longed more passionately for his love than she had ever done before.

Phil was battling with himself, as he often had to do when in Dorothy's presence. There was no other face on earth so beautiful in his eyes as hers; no other voice that sent such a strange thrill through his heart. Life had been full of the most bitter irony for him. Born to comparative wealth, yet ailing from his youth; loving with a deep and sincere devotion, yet winning no return; seeing his best friend steal away the heart of the one woman he cared for. And now, when the way seemed clear for him to go in and win, to find himself debarred by his love and loyalty to both.

How easy it would be to say things about Basil that might hurt Dorothy's heart against him! Moreover, he believed that there would be little or no trouble with Elizabeth if he were Dorothy's accepted suitor.

But he put away the thought as quickly as it came. Even if Basil had no existence and Dorothy could be induced to look favorably on him, he had no right, in his state of health, to think of love or marriage. This was his cross, his lifelong burden—a burden which hitherto he had tried to bear without repining and which he might be able to bear to the end.

Phil was the first to break the silence. "How is your sister Elizabeth?" he inquired.

Dorothy started as though her thoughts had been miles away.

"On the whole, she is much better," she answered. "Mr. Plenty seems to have done her more good than all the doctors."

"Who is Mr. Plenty?" Phil questioned.

"Oh, I had forgotten—you have been away so long! He's your new curate."

"And in what way has he done her good?"

"Well, in many ways. I think he believes in faith healing, up to a certain point. At any rate, he is a very good man, and he comes several times a week and prays with her, and she is always better for his visits. I don't mean spiritually only, but physically."

"Indeed?"

"Of course, one cannot be surprised. The early cures performed by him, moreover, are the laying on of hands."

"I am told in the New Testament that the prayer of faith shall save the sick."

"It would be interesting to return again to Apostolic methods," he said after a pause.

"On the face of it, there seems nothing unreasonable in it, does there?" she said, reflectively.

"Well, perhaps not," he answered, slowly and dubiously.

"I confess I don't always follow Mr. Plenty's reasonings," she went on; "and I am not sure that I believe in him as Elizabeth appears to do."

"Of course, if she is getting better under his prayers and the laying on of his hands, she will have a reason for her faith," he answered.

"Yes, that is what I think."

"And is he benefiting sick people in other parts of the parish in the same way?"

"Well, I am not sure of that. I understand there must be a certain receptivity on the part of the patient."

"And Elizabeth is, perhaps, one of the most receptive?" Phil inquired.

"I think that is so," was the reply. For several minutes there was silence, then Phil remarked: "It must be a comfort to you, in any case, that your sister is improving in health."

"It is a very great comfort indeed. She does not need nearly so much attention as she did."

"Which means more liberty for you?"

"Exactly. You see, I have left her this afternoon without any misgiving."

"And she is quite alone?"

"Oh, no," and a smile spread over Dorothy's face like a gleam of sunshine. "Mr. Plenty called just before we came out, so we knew we were quite safe in leaving."

"Oh, indeed!" and then a longer silence fell. Phil may have thought a great deal, but he did not choose to pursue the subject.

When the silence was again broken it was Dorothy who spoke.

"You did not say what had been the matter with your friend," she said, avoiding the glance of his eyes.

"I think it is what the doctors call a nervous breakdown," he said, indifferently.

"Perhaps I have no right to ask any questions," she said, blushing painfully; "but I should not like to feel that even indirectly I had been the cause of his illness."

"That is a matter I cannot take upon myself to decide," he answered with considerable hesitation.

"I know it looks on the surface as though I had treated him very badly," she said, regaining her courage somewhat.

"On that point I fear he is fully convinced," he answered.

"Yes," she said, with a pathetic look in her eyes. "I suppose that is inevitable. But he has quite got over it?"

And there was an anxious tone in her voice as she put the question.

"That also is a question I cannot answer," he replied, slowly. "Some wounds never heal, but since they are kept out of sight, the world knows nothing of them."

"Then he does not allude to the matter?"

"No, your name is never mentioned."

She gave a little sigh, but it was so faint that even he did not hear it, and then relapsed into silence.

Phil looked at her from time to time, but he was in no humor to continue the subject. It was clear enough to him that she still loved Basil. Hers was one of those natures that do not easily change. If he felt a momentary pang of jealousy, it was only because he was human. Dorothy was so sweet, so patient, so gentle that he could not keep his heart altogether in check; and the fates had been unkind to him in many ways.

A week later he walked across to Sandhurst, and as Mr. Cleveland was away on his farm and Mr. Plenty was with Elizabeth, he had Dorothy all to himself. The weather being beautifully fine, they rambled in the garden amongst the flowers, and then strayed away across the park in the shadows of a line of tall elm trees; but he got no consolation out of his ramble. Dorothy's thoughts were back in the past. Everything reminded her of those other days—nearly two years ago—when she used to walk by Basil's side in the shadow of the same trees. She did her best to keep the conversation from flagging; but Phil's love-sharpened eyes were quick to see that though she was with him in bodily presence, her thoughts were somewhere else.

"They may never come together again," he reflected; "probably they never will. But Dorothy, at any rate, will be true to her first love."

never will. But Dorothy, at any rate, will be true to her first love.

Meanwhile Basil, having been left to his own resources, spent a good deal more time in introspection than he had done for many months past; and, on the whole, it was a profitable exercise. Things emerged one by one as out of a cloud, and began to take definite shape and order. A sequence of things began to appear, a unity of design and purpose. The chance happenings of a blind fate became big with suggestions of a wise and beneficent order. How did he know that there was no Providence? How came it that men so much better and wiser than he accepted without doubt what he in his youthful arrogance had discarded?

The process of mental evolution was so gradual that he was scarcely conscious of it. The first clear evidence that something had happened was an irresistible desire to begin work again, and accompanying this desire was the conviction that if he tried his best he would succeed.

A few days later, as he was walking along the wooded and well known path in the direction of Pontresina and watching between the trees the cloud-effects on the distant snow mountains, a strange thrill ran through him, and a great ecstasy filled his heart to overflowing.

"I have it!" he said to himself, quite alone, and he stopped suddenly in his walk. Then in a moment the woods and mountains seemed to vanish and he was back in his studio again, with a finished picture before him on the easel.

He had intended walking to Pontresina to see some acquaintances who had come there to stay; but he turned round after a while, and began slowly to retrace his steps.

Life had become invested all at once with a new meaning, with new possibilities, with a new purpose. He was not the plaything of chance. He was more—he was a son of God.

The cynic and scoffer may sneer at such experiences. Yet they are epoch-making. Moreover, sneers explain nothing, answer no question, solve no difficulty, straighten out no riddle.

Basil found himself in a new mental and moral realm, and he knew not how he got there; but the fact that he was there was indisputable.

It was the end of October when Phil got back again to St. Moritz. He was quick to discover the change that had come over Basil, and he rejoiced in it. But something much more wonderful—and of which he knew nothing—had happened close to his own home; but in news of it did not reach him for many months.

(To be continued.)

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

FOR COLDS FOR COUGHS

Be Sure You Ask for

Ombridge's Lung Tonic

And Take No Substitute.

EST. 28 YEARS.

Prepared by

W. T. OMBRIDGE.

Hall, Eng., and sold by all druggists, 30c., 75c., and a bottle.

"CURED BRONCHIAL COUGH." "I am more than thankful for the relief I have obtained from your Lung Tonic. A few doses entirely cured a nasty chronic cough from which I had been suffering for several weeks. I shall certainly recommend it to my mother and sister." Kate Toole, Empire Palace, Belfast.

"I know it looks on the surface as though I had treated him very badly," she said, regaining her courage somewhat.

"On that point I fear he is fully convinced," he answered.

"Yes," she said, with a pathetic look in her eyes. "I suppose that is inevitable. But he has quite got over it?"

And there was an anxious tone in her voice as she put the question.

"That also is a question I cannot answer," he replied, slowly. "Some wounds never heal, but since they are kept out of sight, the world knows nothing of them."

"Then he does not allude to the matter?"

"No, your name is never mentioned."

She gave a little sigh, but it was so faint that even he did not hear it, and then relapsed into silence.

Phil looked at her from time to time, but he was in no humor to continue the subject. It was clear enough to him that she still loved Basil. Hers was one of those natures that do not easily change. If he felt a momentary pang of jealousy, it was only because he was human. Dorothy was so sweet, so patient, so gentle that he could not keep his heart altogether in check; and the fates had been unkind to him in many ways.

A week later he walked across to Sandhurst, and as Mr. Cleveland was away on his farm and Mr. Plenty was with Elizabeth, he had Dorothy all to himself. The weather being beautifully fine, they rambled in the garden amongst the flowers, and then strayed away across the park in the shadows of a line of tall elm trees; but he got no consolation out of his ramble. Dorothy's thoughts were back in the past. Everything reminded her of those other days—nearly two years ago—when she used to walk by Basil's side in the shadow of the same trees. She did her best to keep the conversation from flagging; but Phil's love-sharpened eyes were quick to see that though she was with him in bodily presence, her thoughts were somewhere else.

"They may never come together again," he reflected; "probably they never will. But Dorothy, at any rate, will be true to her first love."

Meanwhile Basil, having been left to his own resources, spent a good deal more time in introspection than he had done for many months past; and, on the whole, it was a profitable exercise. Things emerged one by one as out of a cloud, and began to take definite shape and order. A sequence of things began to appear, a unity of design and purpose. The chance happenings of a blind fate became big with suggestions of a wise and beneficent order. How did he know that there was no Providence? How came it that men so much better and wiser than he accepted without doubt what he in his youthful arrogance had discarded?

The process of mental evolution was so gradual that he was scarcely conscious of it. The first clear evidence that something had happened was an irresistible desire to begin work again, and accompanying this desire was the conviction that if he tried his best he would succeed.

A few days later, as he was walking along the wooded and well known path in the direction of Pontresina and watching between the trees the cloud-effects on the distant snow mountains, a strange thrill ran through him, and a great ecstasy filled his heart to overflowing.

"I have it!" he said to himself, quite alone, and he stopped suddenly in his walk. Then in a moment the woods and mountains seemed to vanish and he was back in his studio again, with a finished picture before him on the easel.

He had intended walking to Pontresina to see some acquaintances who had come there to stay; but he turned round after a while, and began slowly to retrace his steps.

Life had become invested all at once with a new meaning, with new possibilities, with a new purpose. He was not the plaything of chance. He was more—he was a son of God.

The cynic and scoffer may sneer at such experiences. Yet they are epoch-making. Moreover, sneers explain nothing, answer no question, solve no difficulty, straighten out no riddle.

Wethey's Mince Meat

"Two Big Pies."

One package of Wethey's Delicious Condensed Mince Meat makes two large or three medium pies. Wethey's Mince Meat is put up in dainty "brick" packages—never in bulk. Made of the choicest fruits, fresh meat and the finest spices.

Absolutely clean. Put up in dainty "brick" packages. Enough for two large or three medium pies. Ready to add vinegar, cider, wine or brandy. Ask for Wethey's and take no other. Sold by grocers everywhere.

"One try satisfies"



Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co.

Buyers of

GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER ORES, MATTES, BULLION, FURNACE AND CYANIDE PRODUCTS.

Location of Works:

Crofton, Vancouver Island, B. C.

CARPENTERS' TOOLS.

ALL KINDS OF

BUILDERS' HARDWARE, PIPE, IRON AND STEEL, PAINTS AND OIL, SOMETHING GOOD: IRONITE VARNISH.

NICHOLLES & RENCUP, LTD.,

Corner Yates and Broad Sts.,

Victoria, B. C.



THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

Is the most radiantly beautiful of all. If you have not installed electricity in your house, a resolve to do so and an order to us will bring it. We furnish all essentials, such as lamps, globes, fixtures, etc., and do all necessary work, wiring and connecting in a skillful and absolutely safe manner.

Hinton Electric Co., LIMITED

62 GOVERNMENT ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

NEW YEAR GIFTS.

Our stock is well assorted and we sell at greatly reduced prices to make stock-taking easier.

E. ANDERNACH,

JEWELER.

92 GOVERNMENT ST.

SIXTH MONTHLY DIVIDEND, DECEMBER 15th.

Will Be Paid by the CALIFORNIA-NEVADA MINING COMPANY.

60 PER CENT PER ANNUM GUARANTEED ON PAR VALUE OF STOCK WHEN MILL IS COMPLETED.

1 Per Cent. Per Month on Par Value Until Mill is Completed.

\$200,000,000 blocked out ready for the A 200-ton per day plant contracted for, joins the Old Victor Mine, yet to figure on, April 1, 1903.

Present Price 75 Cents Per Share. Par Value \$1.00.

Fully paid and non-assessable. Do not fail to investigate this proposition, for the more you investigate the more stock you will want. Write for prospectus.

W. H. BALDWIN & CO., Brokers & Financial Agents, 49-50-51-52 Volcker Bldg., Albany, N. Y.

REFERENCE—Bradstreet's and Dun's Agencies; State Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles, Cal.; any mining journal of the State or prominent mining men.

Everybody ASK FOR

Non Sulphurous. Odorless. Every Stick a Match. Every Match a Light.

EDDY'S "HEADLIGHT" MATCHES

These matches are by far the cheapest and most economical of any on the market. The finest matches in the world, made from soft corky pine and especially suitable for domestic use. Put up in neat sliding boxes, assorted colors, each box containing about 500 matches—three boxes in a package.

For Sale by all First-Class Dealers.



Leaving on Business.

C. E. Heard, controller of this famous appliance for rupture, will leave on an extended business trip through his territory in January. If you wish to see him before leaving, call this month early. No charge till satisfied. MOODY BLOCK, COR. YATES & BROAD.

King Edward Building Society.

FIRST DRAWING

For appropriation at January General Meeting. For particulars apply C. S. BAXTER, Secretary-Treasurer, 53 Wharf Street.

The Victoria No. 2 Building Society

Incorporated 30th Oct. 1902.

Board of Directors:

Perceval R. Brown, Jas. Forman, J. H. McLaughlin, Charles F. Gardiner, P. J. Riddell.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. St. G. Flint.

Auditors: F. Elworthy, J. E. Church.

NOTE.—Subscriptions are due and payable from Wednesday, 8th November, 1902, and every Wednesday following, at the Society's office, 15 Trowace Ave.

A. St. G. FLINT, Secretary.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executor or to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, their claims and surmises, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1902.

M'PHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD, Bank of Montreal

